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SYDNEY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1900.

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Births.

SINGLE.—December 22, at Coocool, Dungog, the wife of Harry S. Single, of a son.

BLUETT.—December 31, at her residence, Wiamea-avenue, Queen-street, Woollahra, the wife of W. P. Bluett, of a daughter.

WILLIAMS.—December 30, at her parents' residence, Bores, Stanmore-road, Stanmore, the wife of Wm. Williams, B.A., of Brewarrina, a daughter.

Marriages.

NEWTON—HIRST.—December 30, 1899, at St. James' Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. I. Carr Smith, Arthur Wells, eldest son of Alfred Coombs Newton, of Lyttelton, N.Z., to Margaret, fifth daughter of the late James Hirst, of Paten, N.Z.

Deaths.

BARRY.—December 28, 1899, at her residence, 81 Bennett-street, Bondi, Mary Barry, in her 74th year. Requiescat in pace.

BARRY.—December 28, at Bennett-street, Bondi, Mary Barry, aged 74 years.

BOWERS.—January 1, at his late residence, Pennant-street, Parramatta, John Bowers, aged 58 years.

HARRIS.—January 1, 1900, at Lindfield, Keith Charles, infant son of Charles and Susan Harris, aged 7½ months.

JOHNSON.—January 1, 1900, at the Sydney Hospital, Henry William Johnson, only son of the late Henry William Johnson, of London, aged 40 years.

KEMP.—January 1, 1900, at his residence, Macquarie-street, Joseph Kemp, aged 60 years.

LARKIN.—January 1, at his residence, 4 Myrtle-street, Patrick Larkin, aged 70 years. R.I.P.

MUNRO.—December 26, at his residence, Nullamanna, near Inverell, N.S.W., John Munro, formerly of Novar Mains, Ross-shire, Scotland, aged 85. North of Scotland papers please copy.

M'KERN.—January 1, 1900, at her parents' residence, St. Heliers, West Botany-street, Arncliffe, Eileen Dulcie, daughter of Wm. Henry and Amy M'Kern, aged 7 months. "Our bud in Heaven."

PITT.—January 1 (New Year's Day), at Sydney Hospital, Arthur Leslie (Tod), late teacher of Public School, Cajoola, Newbridge, of typhoid fever, in his 23rd year.

SIMON.—January 1, 1900, at Hermanda, 397 Addison-road, Petersham, our dearest Paul Otto, aged 4 months.

SWANN.—At her late residence, Hawthorn, Somerset-street, Mosman, Matilda, the beloved wife of James Swann, after long and painful illness.

WARBY.—January 1, 1900, in her 81st year, Elizabeth, relict of the late Joseph Warby, Esq., at Mossberry Grove, Campbelltown.

In Memoriam.

AGNEW.—In fond and loving remembrance of my dear husband, Robert Francis Agnew, who departed this life January 2, 1890, at his residence, 217 Bourke-street, Darlinghurst. Inserted by his loving wife and children, Arthur William, Ruby, and Doris. Dead, but not forgotten. Rest in peace.

BAILEY.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Mrs. W. F. L. Bailey, who departed this life 2nd January, 1898. Inserted by J. and F. H.

BAIN.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear father, John Bain, sen., scalemaker, late of No. 17 Park-street, who departed this life on 2nd January, 1874.

We cannot clasp thy hand, dear father,
Thy face we cannot see;
Yet let this little token tell
We still remember thee.

Inserted by his loving daughters, Mrs. J. Lindsay, of No. 5 Bellevue-street, Surry Hills, and Mrs. A. Lambley, of Clarence Town.

BAIN.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear father, John Bain, sen., scalemaker, late of 17 Park-street, who departed this life on 2nd January, 1874. Inserted by his loving son and daughter, Samuel Bain and Mrs. W. Fischer, 174 Underwood-street, Paddington.

BARNETT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Julia Barnett, who departed this life January 2, 1898. May her soul rest in peace.

You are not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last
I'll still remember thee.

Inserted by her loving daughter, Rose Goldstein.

BARNETT.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Julia Barnett, who departed this life January 2nd, 1898. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Amelia and Nathan Lewis.

BARNETT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Julia Barnett, who departed this life at Sans Souci January 2, 1898. G.R.H.S. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Samuel and Rose Barnett.

BARNETT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who died at Sans Souci January 2, 1898. Gone, but not forgotten. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving daughter, Dinah.

BARNETT.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, who died suddenly at Sans Souci, 2nd January, 1898. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Kitty and Albert Buttel.

DISMORE.—In fond remembrance of Nathaniel Dismore, the dearly loved husband of Rhoda Dismore, who died on the 1st day of January, 1899. His end was peace. Inserted by his loving wife and son.

O'HARE.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Mary O'Hare, who departed this life January 2nd, 1898, aged 70 years. Inserted by her affectionate sons, Edward and Thomas O'Hare.

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ARCADIA	6603	A. C. Loggan	Jan. 13
ROME	5545	J. Cowie, R.N.R.	Jan. 27
HIMALAYA	6898	W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	Feb. 10
*OCEANA	6603	L.H.Crawford, C.B.R.N.R.	Feb. 21
*BRITANNIA	6525	F. H. Seymour	March 7
*INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester, R.N.R.	Mar. 21
*VICTORIA	6527	E. Crewe	April 4
AUSTRALIA	7000	I. Reeves	April 21

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Steamer.	Comm'nd'r.	Sydney, noon.	Melbourne, 1 p.m.	Adelaide 1 p.m.
		1900	1900	1900
V. de la Ciotat	Fiaschi	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 27
Polynesien	Chevalier	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 24
Armand Behic	Psydenot	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 24
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R.M.S.	Tons	Commander.	Sydn'y, noon.	Melb., 1 p.m.	Adel. 1 p.m.
CUZCO	3918	S. L. Gace	Jan. 6	Jan. 9	Jan. 11
*ORTONA	8000	Lindsay Hay	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 25
ORIZABA	6297	E. E. Lavington	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	Feb. 8
+OROYA	6297		Feb. 14	Feb. 20	Feb. 22
+OPHIR	6910	E. A. Veale	Feb. 28	Mar. 6	Mar. 8
*ORUBA	5857	J. Linklater	Mar. 14	Mar. 20	Mar. 22
+ORMUZ	6387	H. W. Livett	Mar. 28	April 3	April 5
*+OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	April 11	April 17	April 19

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MARIPOSA	Hayward	Feb. 14	Feb. 19	March 9
MOANA	Carey	Mar. 14	Mar. 19	April 6

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S.S. MARAROA, WEDNESDAY, January 10, at 5 p.m.
S.S. WAIHORA, WEDNESDAY, January 24, at 5 p.m.

For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE, transhipping to outports—

S.S. MOKOIA, SATURDAY, January 6, at 1 p.m.
S.S. TALUNE, SATURDAY, January 20, at 1 p.m.

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*FR. DERGROSSE	10,581	M. Eichel	Jan. 13	Jan. 20
*KONIGIN LUISE	10,566	W. Reimkasten	Feb. 10	Feb. 17
*BARBAROSSA	10,769	A. Richter	Mar. 10	Mar. 17
*P. R. LUITPOLD	6,288	H. Walter	Apr. 7	Apr. 14
GERA	5,005	W. Meisel	May 5	May 12
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MARYBOROUGH — Wodonga, This Day, 11 p.m., Jan. 2
BUNDABERG — Wodonga, This Day, 11 p.m., Jan. 2
GLADSTONE — Wodonga, This Day, 11 p.m., Jan. 2
ROCKHAMPTON — Wodonga, This Day, 11 p.m., Jan. 2

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Vessel.	Tons.	Commander.	Date.
MILTIADES	1450	H. Ayling	End Dec.
VORTIGERN	2529	— Richards	January
BRILLIANT	1615	— Carleton	February

For rates of freight or passage apply to DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO., Agents, Margaret-street.

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FOR SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH, and CAPETOWN.

The Fine Steamer AFRIKANDER, 3755 tons gross, E. J. JENKINS Commander, Will be despatched about end of January, and early application is necessary for space. She will be followed by other steamers at regular intervals.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR LONDON.

The Magnificent New Steamship JOHANNESBURG, 4444 Tons Register. STEPHENS, Commander.

This fine new Steamer carries First-class Passengers only, and has excellent accommodation on Upper and Bridge Decks amidships, with electric light and all latest improvements for the comfort of passengers.

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(Weather and other circumstances permitting.)

NEW ZEALAND.

For AUCKLAND, GISBORNE, NAPIER, WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN (transhipping to outports)—

ELINGAMITE, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 4 p.m.
WESTRALIA, WEDNESDAY, January 17, 4 p.m.

For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports)—

ZEALANDIA, SATURDAY, January 13, 1 p.m.

HOBART—MOURA, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 3 p.m.; January 10, 17, 24, 31. From Hobart, January 6, 13, 20, 27.

MELBOURNE and GEELONG—
BURRUMBEET, WEDNESDAY, January 10, at 5 p.m.
BURRUMBEET, MONDAY, January 22, at 5 p.m.
BURRUMBEET, FRIDAY, February 2, at 5 p.m.
Return tickets available for six months.

LAUNCESTON—From SYDNEY (transhipping at Melbourne)—BURRUMBEET, WEDNESDAY, January 10, at 5 p.m. From MELBOURNE (direct)—COOGEE, January 2, 6, 11, 16, 20, 25, 30.

ADELAIDE and WEST AUSTRALIA from MELBOURNE. ANGLIAN, FRIDAY, January 12, calling at ALBANY, BUNBURY, FREMANTLE.

Adelaide and West Australian Return Tickets Available either by W. H. Smith and Sons or M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn, and Co.

FROM MELBOURNE: For NEW ZEALAND PORTS, via HOBART and BLUFF—ZEALANDIA, WEDNESDAY, January 31.

New Zealand Return Tickets Interchangeable with Union S.S. Company.

FARES AND FREIGHTS AT LOWEST RATES.

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HOBART.

SUMMER EXCURSION.

The New Steamship MOURA will leave as under, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, at 3 p.m.

The ACCOMMODATION of this Steamship in BOTH CLASSES is UNSURPASSED on the coast. DINING SALOON is situated on the PROMENADE DECK.

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THE HOWARD SMITH LINE.

TO WEST and SOUTH AUSTRALIAN, VICTORIAN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS.

FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG, PORTLAND, WARRNAMBOOL — Gabo, This Day, Tuesday, 5 p.m. Peregrine, Saturday, January 6, 12 noon. Buninyong, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 5 p.m.

ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA — Leura, Saturday, January 13, 12 noon.

ALBANY, FREMANTLE — Steamer early.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG — Buninyong, This Day, Tuesday, 5 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m. Konoowarra, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 5 p.m.

MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE — Tyrian, Saturday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m. Peregrine, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m.

LUCINDA POINT (Dungeness), GERALDTON, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, &c., &c. — Lass o' Gowrie from Townsville weekly. Passengers and Cargo booked through.

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NAMBUCCA RIVER Direct.—S.S. NAMBUCCA will leave Buckle's Wharf, Pyrmont, THIS DAY, at 5 p.m. Splendid passenger accommodation. Stewardess carried. Fares at reduced rates. F. BUCKLE, Agent.

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THE CELEBRATED WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS, 4s and 2s
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GRANDE SUPREME BRANDY, 3s 6d per bottle
WHYTE and MACKAY'S SPECIAL WHISKY, 3s 6d
THE FAVOURITE "FOUR CROWN" WHISKY, 3s 6d
FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY (own bottling), 3s 6d
HUNTER RIVER CLARET (recommended), 9d per bottle
AUSTRALIAN PORT WINE, 1s 6d
FINE OLD PALE BRANDY, per Imperial quart, 5s 6d
GLENLIVET WHISKY, 4s per bottle, 5s 6d per quart
IMPERIAL COGNAC (French Pale Brandy), 3s 6d
SHAMROCK WHISKY, 4s 6d per imperial quart
M'EWAN'S ALE, qts. 10d. GUINNESS' STOUT, qts. 10d
YOUNGER'S REVOLVER ALE, qts., 8d per bottle
FOREIGN PORTS and SHERRIES from 3s per bottle
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In order to meet the convenience of Passengers and Shippers to W.A. Ports, the undermentioned Companies have arranged to despatch the following Steamers from Sydney at regular intervals:—

COOLGARDIE (Via Newcastle), THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 5 p.m.
ANGLIAN, TUESDAY, January 9, 5 p.m.
KALGOORLIE, TUESDAY, January 16th, 5 p.m.
And weekly thereafter.

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THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited. From Clarence Wharf, 3 Sussex-street (weather and bars permitting)—

CLARENCE RIVER.—City of Grafton, To-night, at 9.
RICHMOND RIVER.—St. George, To-night, at 8.
MACLEAY RIVER.—Burrawong, To-night, at 11.
MANNING RIVER.—Coraki, Thursday, at noon.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Rosedale, This Day, 7 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Rosedale, This Day, 7 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Eureka, This Day, 5 p.m.
No cargo received after 5 p.m.

RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.

All ACCOUNTS against the above Company must be rendered on or before MONDAY, 8th instant. RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

PORT MACQUARIE, WAUCHOPE, and HASTINGS RIVER.—S.S. TRILBY leaves Taylor's Wharf, Pyrmont, THIS DAY, at 3 p.m.

BYRON BAY, COFFS, and WOOLGOOLGA. The GEO. W. NICOLL LINE. The fast S.S. EXCELSIOR THIS DAY, Tuesday, 10 p.m., Pacific Wharf, Druitt-street.

HAWKESBURY RIVER.—S.S. SURPRISE leaves Market Wharf WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 5 a.m., calling at Brooklyn and all wharfs to Sackville Reach. Returns Mondays and Thursdays. Return Fares—Brooklyn to Wiseman's, 5s. to Sackville, 8s. Lowest freights. J. T. JONES, Master.

GOSFORD.—S.S. WYONG, Lime-st. Wharf, Tuesday and Friday, 8 a.m. Cargo and passengers. Fare 2s 6d.

ARCHIBALD CURRIE and CO.'S AUSTRALIAN and INDIAN LINE of STEAMERS.

S.S. EURYALUS, from CALCUTTA and SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for MOORE'S WHARF.

The Steamer will not be responsible for any loss or damage to cargo after the same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be landed and stored at consignee's risk and expense without further notice.

BILLS OF LADING must be produced, duly endorsed, Freight Paid, and Delivery Orders obtained at the offices of the undersigned before any goods will be delivered.

Wharfage to be prepaid to COWLISHAW BROTHERS, Agents. 3 Macquarie-place.

THE UNITED STATES and AUSTRALASIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

S.S. STRATHORD, from NEW YORK.

The manifest of this steamer has been lodged at the Custom-house.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo.

The steamer will not be liable for any loss or damage to cargo after same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense, without further notice.

Bills of Lading, duly endorsed, must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained at the office of the undersigned before any goods can be allowed to leave the wharf.

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Captain FORSYTH will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

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STEAM LAUNCH for SALE, steam 10 knots, cabin nicely fitted with velvet. 1290, G.P.O.

Lost and Found.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, PURSE, containing £2 13s, in Elizabeth-st., Strawberry Hills. 148 Reservoir-st.

LOST from Beattie-st., Balmain, black-and-tan Terrier SLUT, reward. Scotting, butch., Slade, Beattie sts.

LOST from my shop, Saturday evg., Gent.'s Gold Diam. RING, with name inside, reward. 149 Glebe-rd.

LOST, Pug DOG, reward. Turon, Rushcutter Bay, Darling Point.

LOST, Fawn-coloured PUP, answering name Gummie. Person returning 89 Forbes-st. handsomely rewarded.

LOST, at Little Coogee, Gold Cable BANGLE. Handsome reward. Counter Clerk, Herald Office.

LOST, St. Vincent's 'bus, Darlinghurst, on Friday, a Purse, with silver in. 366 Victoria-st., Darlinghurst.

LOST, Saturday night, Gold BROOCH, 5 small diamonds; reward. Miss Shea, Womerah-avenue.

LOST, Coogee, Gold Bar BROOCH, oval centre, diamond setting. Reward, 132 Westbourne-st., Petersham.

LOST, Gold Bracelet, pearls, rubies, Erskine-Market sts., rwd. M. Weston, Thelma, A'ndale-st., An'dale.

LOST, at WIESENER'S, 334 George-street, the difficulty of choosing XMAS PRESENTS. A large variety at moderate prices. Your inspection invited.

LOST, 22nd Dec., Gold BROOCH, set with small diamonds and emeralds, between 248 Park-road and Cricket Ground, or in Cricket Ground. Reward at above address.

LOST, BROOCH, Turquoise Anchor, between St. John's and Boyce streets, Glebe, New Year's Eve; reward. Langreath, Glebe Point-road.

LOST, between Members' Stand, Cricket Ground, and tram (main line), Pearl and Ruby Lizard BROOCH. Reward. Empire Hotel.

REWARD.—LOST, Sunday last, Galah PARROT, red and white. Apply 52 Ormond-st., Paddington.

REWARD.—LOST, chestnut Racing MARE, 13.2. Apply at once, 53 Thurlow-st., Redfern.

REWARD.—LOST, in Belmore-rd., Randwick, Lady's Silver WATCH. Webster, Carrington-rd., Randwick.

REWARD £1.—Lost, Grey Draught HORSE, F?O near shoulder, Tiy Sang, Agar-st., Marrickville.

REWARD.—LOST, early Sunday morning, in Balmain, between Lincoln, Smith-street, and St. Augustine's Church, Gold BROOCH, set with thirty-six pearls, greatly valued. Lincoln, Smith-street.

TWENTY Shillings Reward.—LOST, in the saddling paddock at Randwick, yesterday, Monday, a Religious Gold Maltese CROSS, with reading on. MICHAEL M'CORMACK, 75 Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.

FOUND, first-class LUNCH, a la carte, or table d'hote. Empire Hotel.

FOUND, a large assortment of XMAS PRESENTS at WIESENER'S, 334 George-st.

FOUND, that it pays Storekeepers to recommend SIREN SOAP in preference to all others.

FOUND, Black PONY and SULKY; owner can have by paying expenses. College Hotel, Camperdown.

STRAYED into my yard, Collie DOG. Apply H. A. M'Donald, Eastwood Family Hotel, Eastwood.

Building Materials.

F. J. MILLER and CO., 19 Duncan-street, off Bathurst-street, STEAM SAW and JOINERY MILLS, are Selling all kinds of TIMBER, GALV. IRON, DOORS, &c., AT THE LOWEST PRICES IN SYDNEY FOR CASH ONLY. SAWING and DRESSING done for the Trade.

LIMONIS.—Your station supplies are not complete without some Limonis. Pure Lemon Juice.

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Public Notices.

AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The following Gentlemen have consented to act as TREASURERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT FUND, and will be glad to receive and acknowledge any SUBSCRIPTIONS forwarded to them:—

JOHN SEE, Colonial Secretary.
GEOFFREY FAIRFAX, S.M. Herald, Sydney.
J. R. CAREY, the Daily Telegraph, Sydney.

J. M. ATKINSON, 6 Spring-street, Hon. Secretary.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, Ltd., BANKERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEENSLAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that Interest on the QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES and TREASURY BILLS, payable in this colony on January 1st, 1900, will be paid at the Sydney Branch, 99 Pitt-street, on production of the Coupons.

WILLIAM SEWELL, Manager.

Sydney, 30th December, 1899.

CONFERENCE OF ARCHITECTS, 1900.

An EXHIBITION, illustrative of the growth of Architecture, &c., in Australia, during the 19th Century, will be held in Sydney in connection with the above.

Those who are willing to LEND DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS, &c., of Places and Buildings, are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary of the Institute of Architects of New South Wales as below.

All works lent will be insured against damage, and carriage will be paid to and fro; also great care will be taken to ensure safe handling.

G. SYDNEY JONES, Hon. Secretary, Institute of Architects of New South Wales, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, have THIS DAY assigned unto Mr. NATHAN BASSER my share and interest in the Storekeeping Business carried on at Lismore under the style of A. JACOBS and CO.

The said Nathan Basser will carry on the said business and pay and discharge the debts and liabilities of the said firm, and will receive payment of all moneys due to the said firm.

Dated the 13th day of December, 1899. ABRAHAM JACOBS.

EARLY CLOSING NOTICE.

T. M. ALCOCK and SON beg to notify their Customers and the General Public that their ESTABLISHMENT will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, at 1 p.m., JANUARY 2nd, 1900.

WATCHES Cleaned and Regulated, 2s; best English Mainsprings, 2s; Cylinders, 5s; Staffs, 3s 6d. All work done by members of the firm, and guaranteed 12 months. Watch Repairs forwarded by post receive special attention. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, 5 doors below Goulburn-street, Haymarket.

MR. S. CHAIM, DENTIST, NEWTOWN, having returned from Europe, will again SEE HIS PATIENTS AS USUAL.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Messrs. LAURENCE and MACKENZIE, Solicitors have removed their Offices from Castlereagh-street to BANK-CHAMBERS, 122 PITT-STREET, corner of Rowe-street.

BALLS and PARTIES.—Send for OERTEL'S Pure and Delicious Cordials. Works, 405 Pitt-st.

IT has come to stay. We refer to "GRAND SUPREME" BRANDY.

ADGER, Specialist, treats success. all diseases of the skin and hair, adv. and rem. 10s 6d. 43 Crgh.-st., Syd.

TICKETS.—Passages Bought and Sold to all parts. Tutton, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O., also Melb. and Bris.

GENTLEMEN.—Send us your Razors to be Sharpened. Craig and Aitken, 680-82 George-st.

Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JANE KISS, late of Ventnor, Randwick, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will (with a Codicil thereto) of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY FREDERICK FRANCIS, one of the Executors in the said Will named, leave being reserved to GEORGE GRIERSON KISS, the other Executor therein named, to come in and prove when he shall think fit so to do: and all Notices may be served at the offices of LAURENCE and MACKENZIE, Proctors for the Executor, Bank-chambers, 122 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of ISABELLA KEANE, late of Princes-street, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicil thereto of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN KEANE and PATRICK BURNS, the Executors therein named. NORTON, SMITH, and CO., Proctors, 2 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

APPLICATION for a Colonial Wine License.—To the Licensing Court of the Metropolitan Licensing District.—I, AUGUST CHAZEL, of 21 Regent-street, Redfern, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain and will at the next Quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at Central Police Office, Sydney, on the 22nd day of January, 1900, apply for a Certificate authorising the issue of a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at 21 Regent-street, Redfern, assessed at £60 a year. Dated the 29th day of December. AUGUST CHAZEL, Refreshment and Confectioner, No. 21 Regent-street, Redfern.

APPLICATION FOR COLONIAL WINE LICENSE. I, CHARLES BARRETT, 211a Oxford-street, Darlinghurst, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will, at the next Quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at Water Police Court, Sydney, on 17th day of January, 1900, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of Colonial Wine License for house situate at 211a Oxford-street, Darlinghurst, assessed at £3 per week.

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ABRAHAM'S PILLS overcome the worst forms of disease of the LIVER, STOMACH, HEAD, AND KIDNEYS.

This Family Pill is a simple but effective remedy for Indigestion, Bilious and Liver Complaints, Loss of appetite, Coated Tongue, Drowsiness, Giddiness, Spasms, and all disorders of the Stomach and Bowels. Culled from Dame Nature's Garden. Prepared at the Laboratory, 434 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY, and sold everywhere at 1s, 2s, and 5s.

CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS are warranted to cure, in either sex, all acquired or constitutional Discharges from the Urinary Organs, Gravel, and Pains in the back. Free from Mercury. Established upwards of 30 years. In boxes of 4s 6d each, of all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the world. Proprietors, The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England.

KEATING'S INSECT POWDER. Bugs, Fleas, Moths, Beetles, and all other Insects are Destroyed by KEATING'S INSECT POWDER, which is quite harmless to domestic animals. It is perfectly clean on application. Ask for KEATING'S POWDERS. Sold in tins by all Chemists.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health and Vigour.—In the most regular lives occasional disturbances of digestion often occur, which may be corrected at once by these famous pills, the alterative and tonic powers of which cannot be too highly extolled. Sold at 78 New Oxford-street, W.C., London, and chemists.

FINE DAMASK, LINEN, AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

DAVID JONES AND COMPANY'S STANDARD QUALITIES.

DAMASK CLOTHS AND NAPKINS.

⅝ Napkins, 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 9s 11d, 11s 6d, 14s 6d, 16s 6d, 18s 6d to 40s per doz.

8 x 10 Damask Cloths, 8s 6d, 11s 6d, 14s 6d each, ready hemmed.

10 x 12 Damask Cloths, 12s 9d, 13s 6d, 15s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s 6d, 25s, 29s 6d to 60s each.

10 x 14 Damask Cloths, 12s 6d, 13s 9d, 16s 6d, 18s 6d, 22s 6d, 24s 6d, 28s 9d to 63s.

10 x 16 Damask Cloths, 13s 6d, 16s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s, 25s, 30s, 35s 6d to 75s.

Drawn Thread Napkins, 23s 6d to 60s per doz.

READY-MADE HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Hemmed Cotton Sheets—

Size 2½ yards x 2 yards, 4s 11d, 5s 11d, and 7s 3d the pair.

Size 3 yards x 2 yards, 5s 11d, 6s 11d, 7s 11d, and 9s 11d the pair.

Size 3 yards x 2¼ yards, 7s 11d, 10s 9d, 13s 9d, and 15s 9d the pair.

Size 3 yards x 2½ yards, 9s 11d, 12s 6d, 15s 9d, and 17s 6d the pair.

Size 3 yards x 2¾ yards, 10s 9d, 14s 6d, 17s 6d, and 21s the pair.

TENERIFFE DRAWN LINEN WORK, for which WE ARE SOLE AGENTS IN N. S. WALES.

TRAY CLOTHS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 5s 6d, 6s 11d, 7s 11d each.

DUCHESS COVERS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 7s 6d, 9s 11d, 11s 6d, 16s 6d each.

DINNER CENTRES, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 9s 11d, 11s 6d, 16s 6d, to 39s 6d each.

SIDEBOARD CLOTHS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 17s 6d, 30s, to 45s each.

TEA CLOTHS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 10s 6d, 15s 6d, 17s 9d, 29s 6d, to 68s each.

PILLOW SHAMS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 12s 9d to 21s 6d the pair.

DOYLEYS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 11s 6d, 13s 6d, 15s, 17s 6d, to 25s 6d per dozen.

NIGHTDRESS CASES, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 7s 6d, 9s 11d, and 14s 6d each.

QUILTS, in Teneriffe Drawn Linen, 12 guineas each.

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ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 330 George-street.

ASPHALT (Trinidad), laid in Sydney, 1in. thick, 4s sq. yard. Patent Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

BOROUGH OF REDFERN.

TENDERS for VALUING the whole of the RATEABLE PROPERTY of this Borough, by two competent persons, will be received up to 3 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, 4th January, 1900.

Specifications can be seen and all information obtained upon application to the undersigned.

R. W. GRIERSON, Council Clerk. Council-chambers, 23rd December, 1899.

DAMPCOURSE pure bitumen, portable rolls, cheaper, better than imp. or slates. Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

DRAINERS.—Wanted, Tenders, labour only or lab. and material. Next 46 Watkin-st., Newtown.

MINTARO SLATE stands unequalled for durability for verandahs, nosing, doorsteps, tanks, urinals; also Marble Mantels, Grates, Hearth and Verandah Tiles; Butchers' Slabs. Creak and Ford, 195 Geo.-st. W. T., 2763.

PLUMBERS.—TENDERS for new W.C. and Lavatory at once. Riley and Newman, Wool Stores, Circ. Quay.

THE AUSTRALIAN NEEDLEWOOD PIPE COMPANY, Limited, In Liquidation, 84½ Bathurst-street, Sydney.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the undermentioned Machinery and Plant, and will be received at the offices of Messrs. LYELL and ALLARD, Union Bank-chambers, Pitt-street, until noon on WEDNESDAY, 10th January, 1900.

LOT 1.—Pipe-making Machine, Frusing Machine, Circular Rasps, Lathes with Fittings, Shafting, Pulleys, Belting for Nine Lathes, Benches, &c.
LOT 2.—Silver and Wire Rolling Mill, by Morton.
LOT 3.—Crossley's Gas Engine, 4-h.p. nominal, Shafting, Pulleys, and Belting.
LOT 4.—Two Band Saw Frames.
LOT 5.—Jeweller's Glass Wall Cases, Counter Mirrors, Window Frames, &c.
LOT 6.—Safe, Desk, Drawers, &c.

TENDERS will be received for the whole, each lot separately, or for single items. Tenders must be accompanied with a deposit of 10 per cent. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Schedules of the lots may be seen and tender forms obtained on the premises or at my offices.

This is an excellent opportunity for an energetic man to purchase the above plant and machinery and to successfully carry on the pipe-making industry, as a Federal Tariff will open the markets of the other colonies.

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The GENERAL ENTRIES for the above Meeting are to be made with the Secretary of the S.T.C. or V.R.C. on or before 4 o'clock p.m. TO-DAY, 2nd January, 1900.
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The Tempe Handicap (13.2), 3½ furlongs.
The Bexley Handicap (14.1), 4 furlongs 30 yards.
The Beach Handicap (14.0), 4 furlongs 30 yards.
The Brighton Handicap (all heights), 6 fur. 30 yards.
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P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, Oxford-st., any lease, rent £3 10s, 2 bars, select trade, see this, £250.

P. V. RYAN.—Country Hotels a specialty, all parts colony, suit all buyers. Call.

WARDEN, 69 ELIZABETH-ST., near King-st.

WARDEN.—Hotel, clean, well furnished, and handy city, bar about £32 week, ingoing £200.

WARDEN.—Hotel, first-rate position Oxford-st., pays £130 monthly, lengthy lease, cash £400.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Haymarket, rent £3 10s, bar averages £40 week, highly profitable trade, £400.

WARDEN.—Suburban Hotel, 4 x 36's week, rent 50s, sale effected with £100.

WARDEN.—Hotel, 8 miles out, rent £2, nice surroundings, payable business, good home, £300.

WARDEN.—Hotel, near Redfern station, 6 x 36's week, cash £250. 69 Elizabeth-st.

COOKE AND CO., 143 KING-ST.,
LATE BECKWITH'S.
HOTEL, heart city, rent £4, 2 bars, large trade, nice Dwelling, cash £120, must sell at once.
HOTEL, busy suburb, rent 30s weekly, lease 7, takings £20 weekly, grand Dwelling, sacrifice, £150.
HOTEL, Oxford-street, corner house, lease 10, rent £6, draws 8 x 54's, payments £130 mthly., nice furn., £650.
HOTEL, city, lease 7 years, rent £3 weekly, draws 5 x 27's, takings £25 weekly, cash £275.
GROCERY, very old est., city, low rent, all cash trade, £35 weekly, stock val., about £150, Dwelling, 5 rooms.
MILLINERY, Dressmaking, Oxford-st., grand Shop and Dwelling, clean stock val., £80, sell for £40, leaving.
FURNISHED HOUSES and COTTAGES a Speciality. Please call for cards to inspect.

OWEN and CO., 49½ Castlereagh-st.—Conf., Fruit, Refreshments, splendid stand, good trade, £45.

TEA and Luncheon Rooms, best position in Sydney, a fine chance, only £50. Owen and Co.

STATIONERY, Fancy Goods, Papers, and Drinks, residence, old-estab., must sell, £50. Owen and Co.

CYCLE Agency and Works, rent 20s, 5 rooms, clearing £5 per week, gen. bargain, £50. Owen and Co.

OWEN and CO., 49½ C'reagh-st.—Produce, Wood, and Coal, horse, cart, scales, &c., doing £35 week, £35.

DORWARD, HUGHES, and CO., Vickery's-chambers, 76 Pitt-street only.
Mr. JAMES H. DORWARD begs to advise the public that he has no connection with any other firm using his name.
HOTEL, wharfs, lease 7, rents 60s, draws 5 x 36, £175.
HOTEL, railway, lease 15, rt. £2, draws 4 x 36, cash £250.
HOTEL, suburbs, lease 5½, rent £2 10s, trade 6 x 36, £170.
HOTEL, city, lease 6½, rent £5, trade £80 wkly., cash £250.
HOTEL, wharfs, lease 4½, rent £2, draws 4 x 36, cash £270.
SPECIAL.—We are authorised to sell the Lease, License, Furniture (lease 30 years, rent £3) of a FREE HOTEL, price £625 cash. Can arrange loan if necessary.

CONFECTIONERY and Grocery, rent 11s, takings £10, trial, bargain, £35. Massie, 72 Castlereagh-st.

LODGING-HOUSE, fine house, always full, £120 others at £70 and £30. Massie, 72 Castlereagh-st.

HAM and Beef Shop, fine stand, fittings worth money, takings up to £16. Massie, 72 Castlereagh-st.

PHOTOGRAPHIC, best pos., Hay-st., Perth. Fletcher and Co., Syd.; Felton, Grimwade, and Co., Perth.

FOR SALE, good TEA BUSINESS, established 2 years. Darjeeling, Herald Office.

CINEMATOGRAPH, c. pos., fair profit, complete Office Furniture, immediate Sale, b'st offer, J.W.B., Herald.

FOR SALE, the Blayney Flour MILLS, going concern, new plant, every convenience, railway siding, splendid stand, good district. Full particulars to
D. CLARK, Blayney.

CHEAP BUSINESSES, town and suburbs, £25, £50, £75, £120. Call early. Harrison, 35 Castlereagh-st.

SNUG Refreshment, Confectionery Business, sacrifice £25. Paddington Agency, 353 Oxford-st., Paddington.

CONFECTIONERY and Ref. Room, well stocked, good stand, owner leaving Sydney, cheap. 89½ George-st. W.

SOUND BUSINESS, suit young man willing to learn easy trade, £100, month's trial. Particulars, O. A. B., Herald Office, King-street.

FRUIT, Greengrocery, and Summer Drinks, central position, a bargain. 265 King-st., Newtown.

LAUNDRY, old established, big turnover, £140, worth double, chance seldom met with. F. W., Herald.

BOOKS, Hotel Broker and Business Agent,
Sells Businesses,
111 Buys Boarding-houses,
Elizabeth-street. Hotels. Call early.

CONFECT. and Fruit, £2 clear, must sell, bargain £15. Ralph Lowe and Co., 59 Market-st., cr. Pitt-st.

HAIRDRESSER and Tob., £4 wk. clear, same hands 8 y., illness, £55. Ralph Lowe and Co., 59 Market-st.

GENERAL Store, £10 wk., same hands 5 years, no opp., £24. Ralph Lowe and Co., 59 Market-st., nr. Pitt-st.

REFRESHMENT, PASTRY, &c., a nice and well appointed business, in a prominent position, city, doing a steady, profitable trade, suit a young energetic couple. Full particulars to A. ADDIS, 176 Pitt-street.

Businesses for Sale.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st., close Hunter-st.—Largest selection Boarding-houses for Sale.

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT, centre city, 15 rooms, well furnished and appointed throughout, full high-class boarders, £350, genuine reason for disposal.
NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, North Shore, 12 rooms, large grounds, fresh and salt water baths, rent 30s, nicely furnished, good supply linen, cutlery, &c., £220.
NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Church-hill, 9 rms., stable, rent 27s 6d, clear profits £3 wkly., £100. Needham and Co.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 8 rms., close railway station, 7 perm. boarders, £25, part cash. Needham and Co.

LODGING-HOUSE, 9 rms., central position, 12 beds, always let, very clean house, £65. Needham and Co.

RESTAURANT and Boarding-house, centre city, trade £30 weekly, proof, furn., stove, &c., £100. Needham.

HAIRDRESSER and TOBACCONIST, good suburb, large shop and dwelling, nominal rent, no opposition, 2 chairs, mirrors, stock, &c., £35, well worth inspection. NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

DAIRY, railway suburb, 6 rms., 10 acres land, trade 100 quarts daily, 14 cows, 2 horses, £145. Needham.

PASTRY and Confec., shop, 5 rms., rent 25s, trade £14 weekly, stock, furniture, £75. Needham and Co.

NEWS Agency and Stationery, railway sub., shop, 5 rs., 1900 papers wkly., proof, horse, &c., £90. Needham.

NEWS AGENCY and STATIONERY, railway suburb, no opposition, 300 dailies, fair shop trade, any trial before purchase, stock fittings, &c., £220.
NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

GROCERY and General, railway sub., rent 6s 6d, trade £35 wkly., stock, building, horse, &c., £110. Needham.

LAUNDRY, 5 rms., large yard, stable, trade £8 wkly., horse, cart, plant, £45. Needham and Co.

CONFECT. and Refreshments, corner shop, 6 rs., stable, trade £9 wkly., stock, &c., £55. Needham and Co.

GREENGROCERY and Fruit, all shop trade, £50 wkly., best position, trial given, £80. Needham.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Best selection of Businesses, city, subs., and country, cash or terms.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, at Sports Ground, long lease, rent £3 10s, gift at £150 cash. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, off Oxford-st., lease 15 years, rent 50s, bar trade £37 weekly, £800. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, George-st., heart of all traffic, 14 hds. weekly, 2 bars, £1000 cash. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, railway works, beer trade 9 x 36 weekly, grand corner, £450. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Paddington, small, compact corner, doing genuine business, £400. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Market-st., 2 bars, big accom., taking £60 week, £400. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, railway suburb, pays merchants £200 per month, rising neighbourhood, £900.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, George-st., big shipping trade, suit a foreigner, £200 cash. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, city, lease 9 yrs., low rent, 2 bars, billiards, £500 cash. 119 King-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Bathurst, best position, rent 30s, trade £40 weekly, big accom., £400. 119 King-st.

MILK RUN, 60 gals. daily, new turnout, splendid lot, any trial, £180. Ivan Henry, 119 King-st.

COLONIAL Wine, Confectionery, splendidly fitted shop, marble fitting, gift, £100. I. Henry, 119 King-st.

GROCERY, subs., gd. corner, stabling, well stocked, takings £15 wkly., £65. Ivan Henry, 119 King-st.

NEWS Agency, tram terminus, 3000 daily, good shop trade, trial, £140. Ivan Henry, 119 King-st.

DAIRY, 26 cows, horses, carts, 216 qts. daily, splendid cattle. Call. Ivan Henry, 119 King-st.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, nr. railway, big res. connection, trade easily doubled, £200. 6 C'reagh-st.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, 10 min. G.P.O., energetic man with £100 can secure, best bargain offering.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, railway sub., 1. 10, rent 70s, payments £120, great chance for £350 cash.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, close city, good working locality, wants working up, £85 to-day. 6 Crgh.-st.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, city, splendid appmts., trade guaranteed £35 week, rent 50s, £350. Call early.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, near railway, 1. 10, rent 60s, 7 x 27, all bar, position unequalled, £250 secures.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, best position, city traffic, brewers intend modernise, finance, £230. 6 Crgh.-st.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, leading sub., payments £200 mthly., billiards, 2 bars, well furn., £500 only.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, King-st., just renovated, takings £200 wk., magnif. bars, £650. 6 C'reagh-st.

JESSOP and BOWES.—Hotel, lovely compact home, doing steady profitable trade, £27 wk., £180. 6 Crgh.-st.

COUNTRY DRAPERY, &c., BUSINESS, situated populous, thriving district, excellent premises and position, stock about £2800, turnover about £8700 year, good profits; rent £3 10s week, ample dwelling. The vendor is desirous of retiring, and will allow liberal discount and terms. Further particulars and photo at our offices. We can recommend this business. Various others.
T. M. HALL and CO., Mercantile Agency,
59 York-street.
Established 1855.

COUNTRY General STORE, flourishing district, mild climate, about 280 miles distant, stock about £2300, turnover about £11,000; vendor retiring will allow liberal discount and terms to good tenant. T. M. HALL and CO.

CASH Country General STORE, good district, stock about £700, trade £50 to £70 week, easily increased, good profits, practically no rent, discount and terms, satisfactory reasons for selling, vendor in town.
T. M. HALL and CO.,
59 York-street.

CASH Country GENERAL, stock about £1700 (half grocery), turnover £8000 (no credit), rent nominal, profits £800 year net, price 17s in £, half expenses paid to inspect; terms, half cash, 18 months' balance. Various others. T. M. HALL and CO.,
59 York-street.

AMBROSE F. THOMPSON,
130 King-st., opposite Daily Telegraph.

HAIRDRESSING and Tobacconist, heart of city, a popular and well-known business, 4 American chairs, good mirrors, marble shampoos, &c., saloon takings £8, shop £12 to £15, clean stock; owing to owner being called away can sell for £175; unusually easy terms to good man. Apply A. F. THOMPSON, 130 King-street.

RESTAURANT, 6d, city, takings £18 to £20, well furn., complete plant, pr. £30, half cash. Thompson.

GENERAL STORE, takings £20, good class of customers, new and well-selected stock, shop, 4 rooms, and good yard, rent 10s, price £155, terms.
A. F. THOMPSON, 130 King-street.

POULTRY Farm and Grazing Paddocks, 400 head poultry, horses, carts, &c., 105 ac., £110. Thompson.

NEWS AGENT and Stationery, run 1400, shop £8, shop and 3 rooms, rent £1, large and well-selected stock, will give any trial, price £120, terms.
A. F. THOMPSON, 130 King-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, 14 rooms, 10 lodgers, 4 boarders, clean, bargain, £55, terms. Thompson.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Darlinghurst, 10 bedrooms, dining and sitting rooms, hot and cold water bath, 6 boarders at 20s, well furn., throughout, piano, linen, &c., price £150, half cash. A. F. Thompson, 130 King-street.

CONF., Pastry, and Refreshments, tak. £10, 4 r., kit., &c., a nice clean business, price £40. Thompson.

AMBROSE F. THOMPSON, 130 King-st.—CASH Advances made to Buyers.

LIMONIS.—Australian manufacture. Pure Lemon Juice. Not an imported chemical concoction.

Miscellaneous.

THE Science of the Hand.—Prof. ALBERT JOHNSTON, F.C.S.L., Certificated Palmist, 24 Carrington-street, Wynyard-square, 10 to 12, 2 to 5.30. Positively the last week.

SCIENTIFIC PALMISTRY.—Madame RODNEY can be consulted at 18 Sydney Arcade, King-st.

MRS. PREUSS, Intuitional Palmiste, has ret. Consultations 46 Regent-st., city, 11 to 8 p.m. Ladies only.

MADAME ZEPHEY, Palmist and Clairvoyant, 14 Royal Arc. Try her marvellous Complexion Cream.

MATERIALISATION To-night, 8, 2s 6d. Clairv. daily. Mrs. Mellon, Stirling-ter., 19 P'matta-rd., F. Lodge.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Mrs. SULLIVAN, daily, 12 to 7, 2s 6d. Seance To-night, 8, 6d. 279 Pitt-st., upstairs.

CLAIRVOYANCE, daily, 11-4, 2s 6d. Seance To-night, Wed., Thur., 6d. Mdm. Pattey, 134 Campb'l-st., S. H.

CLAIRVOYANTE.—Mrs. Brown, daily 11 to 5, 2s 6d. Seance To-night, 8, 6d. 732 Harris-st.

MADAME CLARKE.—Daily, 2s 6d. Seance To-night, 8, 6d. 166 Abercrombie-st.

MRS. BARRINGTON.—Dev. Class Tuesday this week; daily, 12 to 5. 52 Missenden-rd., Newtown.

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308 GEORGE-STREET,
5 DOORS FROM HUNTER-STREET.

Auction Sales.

INGLIS AND SONS' BAZAAR.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.
On and after THIS DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1900, the Sales at our BAZAAR will commence as under, viz.:—
Turnouts at 10.30 a.m.
Advertised lots at 11.30 a.m.
, No turnouts (excepting those advertised) will be admitted into the Bazaar after 11 o'clock.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON,
244 Pitt-street.

SUPERIOR MATCH CARRIAGE HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Owner to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11.30 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, black points, bred by Dangar, 16.3, thoroughly reliable in saddle, single and double harness, and is a splendid match carriage horse. Being sold as the owner has no further use for him.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.
Any part of the
GLEBE POINT OMNIBUS PLANT.
We are prepared to accept offers for any portion of the above plant in lots to suit purchasers.
WM. INGLIS and SON,
244 Pitt-street.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3rd, AT 2.30 P.M.
20 SUPERIOR COUNTRY HORSES. 20
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. BOWEN, NELSON'S PLAINS, to sell by auction, as above,
20 SUPERIOR HORSES, comprising about half the number GOOD HEAVY DRAUGHTS, 4 years old; the balance upstanding Light Harness Horses, possessing abundance of strength and substance, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.
, Included in the lot is a PAIR OF HANDSOME PONIES.

3 HARNESS HORSES FROM ROBERTSON.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Gay, Robertson, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, 16 hands high, thoroughly broken to saddle, and a good family buggy horse, winner of several prizes
Brown Gelding, 16 hands, broken to saddle and harness, quiet, and very staunch
Chestnut Gelding, 15 hands, broken to saddle and harness, reliable and quiet, and good in both.
FOR POSITIVE SALE.

FOR SALE, 12 and 14 hand PONIES, broken to saddle and all kinds harness, prize winners from Victoria. On View Kiss' Bazaar.
Inquire Dick Matthews, in charge.

6 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES. 6
GEORGE KISS has received instructions from A. F. Gibson, Esq., Burrungurroolong Station, Goulburn, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 12 o'clock,
Brown Gelding, 16 hands, broken to saddle
Brown Gelding, 16 hands, broken to saddle and harness, make a splendid pair
2 Bay Geldings, broken to saddle
Chest. Gelding, broken to saddle and harness
Handsome Brown Gelding, bred by the late Hon. J. White, broken to lead only.
Also, on account Owner,
Handsome Bay Pony Mare, quiet in saddle and harness, and stands tram.

VEHICLES AND HARNESS.
GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 12 o'clock,
New Express Waggon, New Village Cart, S.S. Hooded Buggy, and 1 New Sulky; also several Sets New Buggy Harness and two Sets Double Carriage Harness, in good order.

SALE OF RACEHORSES AND THOROUGHBRED STOCK,
at
T. PAYTEN'S NEWMARKET STABLES, RANDWICK,
THIS DAY,
AT HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK SHARP,
by
H. CHISHOLM AND CO.
RANDWICK TRAMS LEAVE BENT-STREET AT FIVE MINUTES PAST EACH HALF-HOUR.

H. CHISHOLM and CO.'S SALE OF RACEHORSES THIS DAY.
In addition to those lots already advertised the following will also be offered, viz.:—
CRINAN, FLODDEN
HENRY, WELFARE
CHAPLAIN, and
ARGO.
BULLOMIN, by Lennox—Ilex.
Full particulars at Sale.

RANDWICK.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 3rd, AT 11 A.M., at
TOKIO,
AVOCA-STREET, RANDWICK,
under instructions from the Executors in the Estate of THE LATE MRS. JOHN SHEPHERD,
the whole of the
SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE,
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.
Including
GLASS AND CHINA.
AMERICAN WALNUT SIDEBOARD, fitted with Bevelled Edged Mirror Back, Side Shelves, Drawers, and Cupboards. Size, 7ft.
TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, with spare leaves. Size, 9ft.
AMERICAN WALNUT DINNER WAGGON.
WALNUT DINING-ROOM CHAIRS, upholstered in Morocco.
BRUSSELS CARPETS,
LINOLEUMS and OILCLOTH.
ELEGANT BLACK and GOLD DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, size 5ft.
BLACK and GOLD OVERMANTEL.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE
in Tapestry and Plush to match.
VALUABLE UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE by WAGNER.
An Instrument of rare quality, iron framed, latest action, possessing fine tone and touch, and in splendid order.
OIL PAINTINGS and WATERCOLOURS.
SUPERB DARK-OAK HAT and UMBRELLA STAND with pair Hall Chairs to match.
DOUBLE and SINGLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS and BEDDING.
MASSIVE BEDROOM SUITE
in old mahogany, comprising
BREAK-FRONT WARDROBE, size 7ft.
PAIR PEDESTAL TOILETS, size 4ft. 6in., and Towel Rail.
BEDROOM FURNITURE.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY EFFECTS, &c., &c., &c.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited,
JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
have been favoured with instructions to conduct the Important Sale by auction, as above.
, ON VIEW THIS DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, from 2.30 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.
CATALOGUES can be obtained at the Offices of the Auctioneers, 128-130 Pitt-street.

RYDE.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
on
THURSDAY NEXT,
JANUARY 4th, at 11 A.M.,
at
WILLANDRA,
GLEBE-STREET, RYDE,
under instructions from
Miss PYE,
in consequence of her early departure for Victoria.
SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
as more fully advertised in Saturday's "Herald."
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited,
JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
have been favoured with instructions from Miss PYE to conduct the important sale by auction as above.
, ON VIEW MORNING OF SALE.
, The Residence, WILLANDRA, can be reached by 'BUS, PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMER, or TRAIN.

TO TOWN AND COUNTRY DRAPERS, STOREKEEPERS, DEALERS, HAWKERS, &c.
IMPORTANT SALE, in our ROOMS, 7 WYNYARD-STREET (lately occupied by James Rodd and Co.),
TO-MORROW, JAN. 3rd, at 11 sharp.
GENERAL DRAPERY, CLOTHING, and MANCHESTER, comprising
Mysore Zephyrs, Prints, Muslins, Alpacas, Art Muslins, Cretonne, Flannelette, Sheeting (white and grey), Calico, T. Twill, Ladies' Underclothing, Blouses, Hosiery, Girls' Hosiery, Men's Half Hose, Trousers, Suits, Dungaree Trousers, Felt Hats, &c., &c.
Also, on account of those concerned,
100 prs. Lace Curtains
15 doz. Umbrellas
300 doz. Lawn Handkerchiefs
20 pcs. Striped Ticking.
M. GOULSTON AND CO. will sell by auction the above, in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, TO-MORROW, at 11 o'clock.
NO RESERVE. TERMS AT SALE.

Auction Sales.

WAVERLEY.
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, AT 11 A.M.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
ARTHURSLEIGH,
LEICHHARDT-STREET, WAVERLEY.
Under instructions from
Mrs. E. M. QUIGLEY,
prior to her departure for Europe.
The Whole of her
ARTISTIC and MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
and COSTLY APPOINTMENTS.
CHOICE CHINA and GLASSWARE.
STERLING SILVER and ELECTROPLATED WARE,
VALUABLE PICTURES, OBJETS D'ART.
EXQUISITE EXAMPLES IN DOULTON,
MAGNIFICENT GRAND PIANOFORTE,
in Ebonised Case,
by
CHICKERING, BOSTON, U.S.A.
OAK HALL FURNITURE.
The Furnishings of
SEVERAL WELL-APPOINTED BEDROOMS.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS.
, DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES are now obtainable at the Auctioneers' Rooms, or posted on application.
HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY have been favoured with instructions from Mrs. E. M. QUIGLEY to conduct the above IMPORTANT SALE, on the Premises,
ARTHURSLEIGH,
LEICHHARDT-STREET, WAVERLEY,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, AT 11 A.M.
On VIEW THIS DAY, TUESDAY, January 2nd, from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

THIS AFTERNOON,
at 2.30 o'clock,
AT THE MART, 109 PITT-STREET.
ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
Removed to Rooms for Convenience of Sale.
UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, in walnut case; STD. WALNUT 5ft. SIDEBOARD; DINING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in Morocco leather; CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, CURTAINS, and ORNAMENTS, Drawing-room Suite, Overmantels, Whatnots, Loo and Occ. Tables, Bedroom Suites in Std. Walnut, &c., Double and Single Black and Brass Bedsteads, Austrian Chairs, Rattan Furniture, Pictures, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c., &c.
Also
SUPERIOR COL.-MADE FURNITURE and 2 SEWING MACHINES.
HENRY HARRIS AND COMPANY,
AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
109 PITT-STREET.

THIS DAY, TUESDAY, at 2.30 o'clock.
At 37 BROADWAY, GLEBE.
J. BROWN and CO. will sell by auction the superior Household Furniture and Effects of well-furnished House, consisting of—
DINING, DRAWING, LIBRARY, BEDROOM, and KITCHEN FURNITURE, Two Pianos, Improved BEALE SEWING MACHINE, Dining-room SUITE (9 pieces) in REAL LEATHER, DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in silk Tapestry and Plush, Rattan Furniture, AXMINSTER CARPET and Rug, LINOLEUM of 9 rooms, Oilcloth, BEDROOM Suite, Combination, Hallstand, SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, OAK BOOKCASE, Set of Plated Dishcovers, Bedsteads and Bedding, Chairs, Tables, and all effects for furnishing throughout.

THIS DAY, at 11.
MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, the FURNITURE and Effects of a four-roomed House, removed to the Mart for convenience of sale. Dealers attend. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.
MIDDLETON and CO. hold their usual Weekly Sale of New and Second-hand CLOTHING, Bed Linen, Jewellery, Furniture, and Sundries, at their Mart, Hay, George, and Sussex streets, Haymarket. NO RESERVE.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
UNRESERVED SALE
BUILDING MATERIALS,
comprised in
Nos. 673 and 675 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET,
at the CORNER of HAY-STREET.
Brick-built Shop Premises, lately occupied by Messrs. S. J. M'Carthy and Co. and T. M. Alcock.
HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above BUILDING MATERIALS by public auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1900.
TERMS, CASH. Conditions of sale can be inspected at the Auctioneers' Rooms.

ABSOLUTE SALE.
By the Trustees of the Estate of the late Mr. Benjamin Richards.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, have received instructions to sell by auction, as under,
AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, SYDNEY
THIS DAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1900, at 2.30 p.m.,
TYREEL,
situated near MOREE,
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THE Usual Weekly MEETING of the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners will be held at the Office, 153 Phillip-street, at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday Next, 3rd Jan.
ALFRED EDWARD, Registrar and Chief Inspector.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF N.S.W.
ASYLUM, 454 Pitt-street.
The Annual General MEETING of the above Society will be held at the Institution, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, January 16th, 1900, at 3 o'clock p.m.
The Hon. Sir ARTHUR RENWICK will preside.
BUSINESS: To receive Annual Report for 1899; to appoint Office-bearers and to fill vacancies caused by retiring Directors, in accordance with the Society's Bylaws; to receive Balance-sheets; and to transact other business.
SUBSCRIBERS to the Institution and the general public are cordially invited to attend.
W. HENSON, Hon. Treasurer.
Benevolent Asylum,
December 27th, 1899.

THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Head Office, 3 Sussex-street North, on WEDNESDAY, 24th January, 1900, at 11.30 a.m., to receive the Report of the Directors for the half-year ending 31st December, 1899; to Elect two Directors in the room of G. C. Elliott, Esq., and W. C. Watt, Esq., who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election; to Elect two Auditors in the room of W. Rigg, Esq., and C. W. Wiseman, Esq., both of whom are eligible for re-election; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the Articles of Association.
By order of the Board of Directors,
RICHARD COOKE,
Secretary.
January 1st, 1900.
Candidates for the office of Director are required by clause 74 of the Articles of Association to give notice thereof in writing not less than 14 clear days before the day of election.
The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th instant inclusive.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the usual Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of The City Bank of Sydney will be held on FRIDAY, the 19th day of January ensuing, at noon precisely, at the Head Banking House of the Company, Pitt-street, Sydney.
To receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half-year ending 31st instant.
To elect two Directors in the room of John Lyons, Esq., and the Honorable Albert J. Gould, M.L.C., who retire in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement, but who are eligible for re-election.
To elect an Auditor in the place of Haley C. D'Arcier, Esq., who retires by rotation, and is not eligible for re-election.
And to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Deed of Settlement.
By order of the Board.
JAMES HENDERSON, General Manager.
Sydney, 28th December, 1899.
N.B.—Any Shareholder becoming a candidate for the office of Director must give notice of his intention to the Board of Directors in writing, to be left at the Head Banking House of the Company 14 days at least before the day of election, as required by clause V. of part III. of the Deed of Settlement.

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INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET.

VICTORIA v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A POOR RESPONSE BY SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The cricket match, South Australia v. Victoria, was continued to-day on the M.C.C. ground. The weather was intensely hot. There were about 3000 persons present, and the admission fees totalled £143 13s. The Victorians materially improved their position as the day advanced, and as the last three wickets added 110 runs, they set their opponents a good score. G. Giffen was not well enough to resume his place in the field, and S. Donahoo acted as substitute for him. If it had been necessary, Giffen would have batted to-day, but acting on the instructions of his medical adviser, he reserved himself for to-morrow. The not out men, Ross and Trumble, resumed batting to the bowling of Jones and Reedman. Before a run had been scored Ross was missed at the wickets off Jones. The ground was much faster than on Saturday, and the wicket was playing perfectly. Jarvis missed Ross again off Jones at 21 low down on the leg side. Then A. Jarvis and Jones appealed confidently for a catch at the wickets against Ross, but were unsuccessful. Jarvis clean bowled Ross when he made 33, and broke up a partnership which had lasted for an hour and 18 minutes and had put on 66 runs, 52 of which were made in just an hour. Saunders was next, and he began by pulling Travers for 3. Jones came back again instead of Travers at 304, and the first byes of the match came from his second ball, but two balls after he sent Saunders' bails flying, and nine wickets were down for 308. Lunch adjournment saw the score 314, Trumble 65, Collins 0. When play was resumed Trumble continued to bat brilliantly, and as Collins was batting well, Trumble's chance of getting the century was a good one, and every stroke was applauded. Reedman went on instead of Jones at 347, and Trumble driving him straight for 4 brought 350 up after 6 hours 20 minutes batting. Trumble had got 95 when, in trying to drive Reedman, Hill caught him at mid-on. The innings thus closed for 353, a much larger score than seemed probable when five wickets were down for 104. Collins was not out 5. Trumble batted two hours 55 minutes, and hit 11 fours. The only chance he gave was to Reedman to catch and bowl him on Saturday.

Reedman and Hack opened the South Australian innings, to the bowling of Saunders and Trumble. Reedman scored the first 4 of the innings off Saunders, and made 10 out of the 11 scored, when Trumble enticed him out to hit, and Ross made no mistake in effecting his dismissal. Hill got a splendid reception on entering the ground. Ross might have stumped him off Saunders when he was 2, but the Adelaide crack escaped. Not long after, however, Trumble clean bowled Hill, who played right over the ball. 2—8—31. Trumble had taken both wickets for 9 runs. Darling filled the vacancy, and for a time both batsmen played sound, defensive cricket. Darling drove Trumble in fine style for 5, and a minute later Worrall missed Hack in the slips. Hack had then scored 18. Collins relieved Saunders at 59, and at 68 Laver took the ball from Trumble. M'Alister missed Hack off Collins at mid-off at 36, and as a consequence the Victorian catching was adversely criticised all round the ground. The hundred appeared after 1 hour and 50 minutes' batting. Darling snicked one from Collins just clear of Ross at the wickets, but with the last ball of the same over Collins caught the Australian Eleven captain in two minds, and bowled him. Darling had batted for an hour and 10 minutes for his 40, and hit three 4's and a 5. He gave no chance, and the partnership put on 74 runs. F. Jarvis and Hack carried on the defence until Hack, in trying to drive Laver, mis-hit the ball, and Saunders took an easy catch just over the bowler's head. Hack had been batting for two hours and 25 minutes, and hit three 4's. He had given several chances, but it was evident all through that his injured foot was giving him a good deal of pain and interfered a lot with his running. Kekwick joined F. Jarvis, but had no opportunity of displaying skill with the bat, for Laver caught him at point off Warne before he scored. At this stage stumps were drawn, five wickets being down for 140. F. Jarvis was not out 17. Scores:—

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

Worrall, c Jarvis, b Jones	34
Warne, c Giffin, b Jones	22
Graham, run out	22
M'Michael, c Jones, b Giffen	10
Stuckey, c Jones, b Giffen	4
Laver, c A. Jarvis, b Reedman	44
M'Alister, c A. Jarvis, b Travers	63
Trumble, c Hill, b Reedman	95
Ross, b Jarvis	31
Saunders, b Jones	8
Collins, not out	6
Sundries	9
Total	353

Bowling: Jones, 291 balls, 119 runs, 18 maidens, 3 wickets, 1 wide; Giffen, 115 balls, 62 runs, 6 maidens, 2 wickets; J. Travers, 222 balls, 50 runs, 17 maidens, 1 wicket; F. Jarvis, 108 balls, 56 runs, 3 maidens, 1 wicket, 1 wide; Reedman, 112 balls, 57 runs, 7 maidens, 2 wickets.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

Reedman, st Ross, b Trumble	10
Hack, c Saunders, b Laver	54
Hill, b Trumble	8
Darling, b Collins	40
F. Jarvis, not out	17
Kekwick, c Laver, b Warne	0
Sundries	11
Seven wickets for	140

WESTERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

BATHURST, Monday.

The annual prize meeting of the Western Rifle Association commenced to-day. The weather was warm. The wind was a trifle tricky, but on the whole not unfavourable to rifle shooting. The number of entries was not so large as was expected, the volunteering for the Transvaal having prevented large numbers from entering. With the consent of the shooters the first prize in each match was struck out, which will considerably relieve the council, as a heavy loss was inevitable through insufficient entries coming to hand. The service matches had to be abandoned.

At the Rifle Association meeting to-day the following were the results:—

First Stage of the Queen's, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each range.—G. Lindsay, Wollongong, 63, £3; President H. Hicks, Shellharbour, 67, £2. The following took £1 prizes: President J. J. Matthewson, St. Leonards, 66; Private A. Blatch, 8th Regiment, 64; Private E. A. Wright, Bathurst, 64; Private D. M'Loughlan, 2nd Regiment, 62; S. S. Beers, Staff, 61; Private Eadgar, National Guards, 61; F. W. Earp, Penrith, 61; Private G. Barnes, 4th Regiment, 60; M. Tessimond, Bathurst, 60; H. Cason, Kangaroo Valley, 60; W. Noller, Parramatta, 60; Private Ettingshausen, 2nd Regiment, 59; Private A. Kefford, Bathurst, 59; H. Mills, Parramatta, 57; Private C. Morris, Australian Rifles, 57; Private E. Keil, Bathurst, 56. Three scores of 56 counted out.

Second Stage of the Queen's, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range.—Private J. Orr, St. Leonards, 61, £3; Sergeant Seymour, 1st Regiment, 60, £2. The following took £1 prizes:—Lieutenant A. C. Mehs, 2nd Regiment, 59; Instructor Rickwood, N.B., 59; Private T. Brown, Wollongong, 56; Private C. H. Merz, Penrith, 55; Secretary Campbell, Gerringong, 55; Art. Hancox, N.A.V., 54; President E. J. Brown, Parramatta, 54; Private Bailey, St. Leonards, 54; Private Byrom, Wollongong, 54; Secretary C. J. King, Maitland, 54; Private Crowley, Wyalong, 54; Private C. Newling, Parramatta, 53; Corporal Chisholm, Kiama, 53; Private Norris, Parramatta, 53; C. H. Morton, Parramatta, 52; Secretary Paddock, Wyalong, 52. Two other scores of 52 counted out.

Third stage of the Queen's, 600 and 700 yards, shots at each.—Captain Cork, Milton, 59, £3; Corporal M'Calley, A.M.C., 56, £2. The following took £1 prizes:—Private J. Campbell, Wyalong, 52; Private Doolan, 2nd Regiment, 52; Treasurer A. Blackshaw, Bathurst, 51; Private Akhurst, Wyalong, 49; Sergeant Thomas, 1st Regiment, 49; Treasurer J. O. Miller, Parramatta, 47; Private T. Burselt, Burrawang, 47; Private A. C. Blacklow, 1st Regiment, 47; Private Annesley, Mount Kembla, 46; M. Colley, Bathurst, 46; J. Moore, Camden, 45; J. Carpenter, Bathurst, 45; E. Hope, Alexandria, 45; P. O. Griffin, N.B., 45; Secretary Kendall, Singleton, 44; Secretary R. Osborne, Wollongong, 44. Two other scores of 44 counted out.

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Author of "Whoso findeth a Wife," "Scribes and Pharisees," "Zoraida," "The Day of Temptation," &c., &c.

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CHAPTER XIV.

THE EVIL OF THE HAPSBOURGS.

We remained silent, both too full of thoughts for utterance. The orchestra had struck up again, and was playing a bright air from the "Coupe du Roi de Thule" of Diaz, and the shadowy figures that had wandered past us during the interval were now returning to that gay circle of light where the fashionable chatterers were sitting lazily beneath the trees.

"I am glad that I have been able to render you my first service, Princess," I exclaimed at length in a low voice.

She was sitting beside me immovable, gazing straight before her, her breast now and then heaving and falling beneath the thin white blouse. Once I thought she had involuntarily murmured some incoherent words, but next instant I doubted whether it had not been the rustling of the treetops. She was greatly agitated at the discovery of this conspiracy to unmask her, and had sat rigid and silent as if trying to devise some plan of action.

"I can only thank you, m'sieur," she answered at last, in a voice which sounded sweet and musical. "The world is very ungenerous towards a woman, be she a work-girl or a princess. I have often thought that the women of the people have a far happier time than we who are ever in the lurid glare of publicity. Indeed, perhaps you would not believe it, but when driving out on Sundays I have often envied the young shop-girl contentedly walking on her lover's arm, for she is free to love or to hate, and she can enjoy the pleasures of life untrammelled and unfettered. She has no fear of scandal, or of the idle, envenomed gossip of jealous women. The world is hers, and she enjoys it to the full, even though she works for her bread, and her happiness may not be unmixed with tears."

I expressed myself fully in accord with her views. Never had the rigidity of life in the royal circle been so vividly brought before me as at that moment, for were not her words in themselves an admission that this man she met clandestinely was actually her lover? Her voice, too, was the voice of a woman overwhelmed by grief, distressed, rendered desperate.

"You are upset to-night," I said, bending to her in a half-whisper. "Will you not allow me to assist you?"

"No," she answered, despairingly. "I fear you cannot at present. In you I have, I know, a friend—one in whom I can trust, and one with whom my secret is safe."

"The secret of your love?" I suggested.

"My love!" she echoed. "No, no. Not my love—my hatred."

"Your hatred?" I exclaimed. "I do not understand."

"Of course not. How should you when you are still in ignorance."

"But every woman must love once in her life," I said.

"And love very frequently brings to her unhappiness," she observed philosophically.

"I trust that is not your experience," I responded.

Her breast beneath the thin silken blouse again rose and fell slowly. I could not distinguish her face behind the thick veil in that deep shadow of the trees, but I had an instinctive feeling that tears were in her eyes.

"I sometimes think," she said in a strained tremulous voice, "that every woman has a birthright of woe."

"You speak as though you were oppressed by some burden of unhappiness," I said softly. "May I know the truth now that I am your friend? May I not help you?"

"No," she answered firmly, sighing as she shook her head. "It is utterly impossible—utterly. The complications are so bewildering and the circumstances so strange that you could never believe the truth. It would appear to you far too romantic—too unreal."

"But tell me one thing," I urged. "That man who was present at the ball—who is he?"

"That man!" she gasped, trembling. "That man is my—" But she stopped short, and held her breath. "No! No!" she cried a moment later. "You promised blind obedience to my wish, therefore remain patient at present. Ask me no question."

I saw how agitated she was, how strangely despairing, how utterly desperate. She was just as an ordinary woman haunted by some terrible ever-present dread, fearing every moment that some long-expected blow should fall and crush her. Loving her so fondly as I did, my heart went forth to her. I could not bear to see her thus anxious and consumed by fear, and longed to be able to pour forth my declaration of devotion. Yet I hesitated. The difference in our stations formed a gulf which could never be bridged. Even if I were a millionaire I could never aspire to the hand of a princess of the House of Hapsbourg.

"I ask the question," I said, "because I, humble man that I am, have your welfare at heart."

"Ah, I am confident that you have," she answered with an air of gracious acknowledgment of my tribute. "Our acquaintanceship has not been of long duration, but I know you sufficiently well to be aware that we are, shall be, the firmest of friends. At present my future is but a black out-look, but some day I trust its aspect will change."

"A black outlook! What do you mean?" I asked quickly, much puzzled. The idea of the future of the smart and beautiful Princess Melanie being other than happy seemed impossible. Throughout Europe she was noted for the smartness of her toilettes and the sweetness of her face. At Court every one believed her to be merry, irresponsible, and utterly heartless where man's affections were concerned. People had talked, and the papers had gossiped about a projected alliance between the Hapsbourgs and the royal family of Italy; but those who knew said that Melanie had treated the young prince—who was a prig at best—with scant favour, and that after a month at Brandenberg he had gone back to Rome very much disconcerted, while she had openly declared herself glad to get rid of him.

"It is impossible for you to understand my position," she declared. "That it is a grave one—a very grave one—is all that I dare tell you. Someday you may perhaps know the truth. Then you will recognise what I feel to-night in thus gaining your friendship."

"If it is gratifying to you it is the more gratifying to me," I blurted forth. "All that I fear is that I am unworthy to be your Highness's friend and confidant."

"Ah, no," she protested. "I do not extend friendship to all and sundry. People say, I think, that I am proud and exclusive, and that I retain the ancient hauteur of my House. That is what I have been always taught to do. I have been told from my earliest girlhood that, as a royal princess, I am of different blood to the people, and that the latter are of no account in our world. I used, in my girlish ignorance, to think so until a couple of years ago."

"And you have now formed a different opinion," I observed.

"Certainly."

I was puzzled to know whether this tall, fair-bearded man who had crossed the Moorish room in the Palace noiseless as a shadow, and who had taken such intense interests in my movements, was actually the man she met so often at night. Surely it could not be, for she had declared that she hated him. Why, I wondered.

"The man whose presence at the ball caused you so much anxiety was in the Bois this morning," I said. "Perhaps it was as well that you did not cycle with me there."

"It was for that very reason I did not come," she answered. "I had obtained previous knowledge of his intention."

"I cannot stifle a suspicion that he has some sinister design upon me," I said.

"Sinister design? What do you suspect?"

"That he might be consumed by jealousy if, for example, he saw us as we are now, sitting here, like lovers," I answered abruptly.

"But you surely do not think that he is my lover, do you?" she cried, dismayed.

I admitted that I had believed him to be.

"No," she assured me with a harsh laugh. "There has never been love between us—only hatred—a bitter, deadly hatred which was once near culminating in a tragedy."

Her words increased my curiosity. There was here some remarkable mystery of the undercurrent of the highest circle of society in Europe. Who, I wondered, could this man be?

"From your words, Princess, one would almost imagine that love had never entered your heart," I said.

"It is legendary that the love of the Hapsbourgs is always ill-fated. In the annals of our House are many love-romances—some with very sad denouements. It is a saying, too, that a dark Hapsbourg brings ill-fortune."

"You are a dark Hapsbourg," I said gravely.

"Unfortunately, yes," she answered, in a rather strained, unnatural tone.

"But those who have beauty never bring ill-luck is an old saying of the peasantry down in Tuscany," I said cheerfully. "It nevertheless pains me to know that you are troubled by this mysterious dilemma in which you find yourself to-night. I only wish you would allow me to render you some help. Do," I urged.

"Why?" she inquired, after a moment's pause, as she turned towards me.

"Because—because——" But I hesitated in confusion. I feared to speak those words which rose so readily to my lips, although I had striven so hard to repress them.

(To be Continued.)

HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S GATHERING.

A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL.

President, Hon. Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C.; vice-presidents, Mr. Robert Anderson, sen., J.P., Dr. George Armstrong, Mr. James Inglis, Hon. Alexander Kethel, M.L.C., Dr. Matheson, J.P., Mr. Andrew M'Credie, J.P., Mr. James Muir, Professor T. P. Anderson Stuart, M.D., Mr. A. T. Telfer, Mr. John MacPherson; councillors, J. T. Coffill, Richard Doyle, W. Urquhart, H. J. Triggs, James Johnston, J. M. Pringle; auditors, S. J. Carruthers, John Stewart; hon. treasurer, W. C. Marshall; hon. secretary, Gordon Marr; secretary, Thos. Davis. Officials: Sports committee, the council of the society are ex officio members, Dr. C. MacLaurin, Sub-Inspector Mitchell, J. Urie, J. Gowans, Dr. W. D. Cargill, Sergeant J. M'Crimmon, R. Coombes, T. M'Credie, jun.; judges of Highland dresses, W. Urquhart, Dr. G. Armstrong, Professor T. P. Anderson Stuart, M.D.; judge of dancing, D. Houston; judge of piping, Captain K. M'Kenzie; master of ceremonies—dancing, A. M'Kie, piping, G. J. Sherar; judges of running, Dr. W. D. Cargill, J. T. Coffill, J. Urie, T. M'Credie, jun.; judges of obstacle races, Dr. C. MacLaurin, W. D. Cargill, J. Gowans, J. Urie, and T. M'Credie, jun.; judges of miscellaneous events, Dr. G. Armstrong, R. Anderson, A. T. Telfer, J. Muir, A. Larcombe, J. A. Kethel, W. Urquhart, and Sergeant M'Crimmon; post entrances, J. M. Pringle, W. Urquhart, and Robert Marr; judge of wrestling, Sergeant J. M'Crimmon; starter, W. B. Alexander; timekeeper, W. Kerr; referee, R. Coombes; record keeper, W. B. Cameron; handicapper, J. F. Dexter; judge of boomerang throwing, Sub-Inspector Mitchell. Military events: Judges, Warrant-Officer Conway, Warrant-Officer Naghten; referee, Major Lee. New South Wales Cyclists' Union officials: Judge, F. W. C. Craus; starter, W. R. George; timekeepers, S. J. Wyatt and W. T. Kerr; lap-takers, C. R. White and C. A. Grocott; clerks of the course, A. G. Chapman and J. J. Meagher; referees, J. B. Holdsworth, J. C. Heighway, J. C. P. Grimes, J. C. Cameron, R. Patrick, and A. E. Spriggs. New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association officials: Starter, W. B. Alexander; clerks of the course, D. H. Mouro and J. L. Wiseman; judges, R. J. White, A. Morgan, H. C. Holder, and F. W. Maddocks; referee, R. Coombes.

The thirty-second annual gathering of the Highland Society of New South Wales was held yesterday at the Sydney Cricket Ground. In such beautiful weather as prevailed any show which had any claims to attractiveness could not have failed to have won approval. Seeing that the programme of the day contained many features spectacularly and otherwise interesting the people who attended this national festival found they were thoroughly able to enjoy their New Year's holiday. Probably not less than 25,000 persons were present. The officials came to the conclusion that the patronage accorded to the affair was rather larger than in 1899, and as there was a good credit balance in connection with that gathering, the best auguries were drawn from this estimate. Strange to say, as the years go on, there seems to be no diminution of the number of competitors and spectators who come to the ground in kilts, although the tide of immigration from Scotland, presumably, is by no means so great as it used to be, and old enthusiastic Caledonians are retiring largely from the scene. This phenomenon is to be considered apart altogether from the New South Wales Scottish Rifles, whose characteristic uniforms of course figured prominently in the landscape. But associated with the bright or soothing colours worn by the multitude of ladies, the two classes of brilliantly attired Highlanders made the prospect entirely pleasing. As usual, many people were to be seen wearing real Scotch heather. Boxes of this flowering plant had been sent out specially for the occasion by Mr. Robert Elliott, of Roxburgh, and by Mr. Ebenezer Macdonald, of Sydney, who is now in the Land of Cakes on a holiday. The former consignment was sent through Mr. T. Elliott, of Sydney, a brother of the thoughtful donor. After the officials and distinguished visitors had each helped themselves to a spray of the heather the rest was distributed amongst the ladies in the grand stand. His Excellency the Governor did not attend the lunch. He arrived at 3 o'clock with Captain Smith. A guard of honour of the Scottish Rifles received him at the gate, and he was welcomed by the president of the society, Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C. During the day lady collectors were sent around amongst the spectators with the object of raising funds to assist the subscriptions made in Scotland in aid of the widows and orphans of Scottish soldiers who have fallen in the war in South Africa. One of the vice-presidents of the society, whose name will be published later, started the collection by putting himself down for £10, and 10 other gentlemen subscribed a guinea each. The public were by no means behindhand with smaller subscriptions. At the dinner it was announced by the president that it was proposed to give 25 per cent. of the net proceeds of the gathering to the same deserving object; and, judging on the basis of last year's balance-sheet, that will amount to at least £50. It remains to be said that the sports passed off very well, and that the general arrangements were thoroughly up to the mark in every way, having been improved upon in several important details on this occasion.

AT THE LUNCHEON.

SOME MINISTERIAL SPEECHES.

MORE ABOUT THE WAR.

About 1.30 dinner was served in the members' stand to at least 200 gentlemen. Dr. MacLaurin, the president of the society, was in the chair, having the Premier on his right, also Professor Anderson Stuart and the Minister for Education (Mr. Perry). To the left of the chairman were the Colonial Secretary, the Mayor of Sydney, and the Rev. J. Ferguson. The following members of Parliament were prominent amongst the company:—Mr. Kethel and Dr. Mackellar, Ms.L.C., Messrs. Hogue, Garland, M'Farlane, Morgan, Neild, Holman, S. Smith, and Dr. Graham, Ms.L.A. Mr. J. S. Larke, the Commissioner for Canada, was also one of the guests. Apologies were read by the chairman from Colonel Mackay, the Vice-President of the Executive Council, from his Excellency the Admiral, the Chief Justice, and the captains of H.M.S.S. Katoomba and Wallaroo. The toasts of "The Queen" and "His Excellency the Governor" were honoured.

The chairman then proposed "The Ministry and Parliament." The Highland Society, he said, unlike most public bodies in New South Wales, never asked for anything from the State, consequently the society's appreciation of Ministerial and Parliamentary virtues was quite disinterested. The company would probably agree in saying of the Parliament of the colony that the members all took a real live interest in our public affairs. As head of the Ministry it had been the lot of his old friend, Mr. Lyne, to be the spokesman of the universal feeling of loyalty which had lately thrilled Australia from one end to the other on behalf of the Empire. (Cheers.) To Mr. Lyne's call Parliament had nobly responded. (Hear, hear.) Australia had shown that high spirit and martial enthusiasm without which in the circumstances any part of the nation would appear to be contemptible. Finer men and finer horses than had been sent from New South Wales to the war no other country in the world could produce, and it was a satisfaction to find that Australians were received as brothers in arms by the finest regiments of the British army. (Cheers.) He thought we might rest assured that they would nobly do their duty, and that they would draw still closer the bonds of friendship and affection which united Australians to those of their race in other parts. Of such a noble sentiment the Ministry and Parliament had been the worthy exponents, and it was the duty of the society to do them all the honour that lay in their power. (Cheers.)

The Premier (Mr. W. J. Lyne), who on rising to speak was greeted with great cheering, said he could scarcely thank the company sufficiently for its enthusiastic acceptance of the toast, or Dr. MacLaurin for the kind remarks he had made in reference to the Ministry and Parliament. He thought they would have been renegades to their positions had they taken any other course than they had taken. He wished it to be understood, however, and he was sure the gathering was with him, that the only desire the Ministry and Parliament had was to represent truly the wish of the people of the colony to act in unison with the Empire and Great Britain. (Cheers.) When the first troops were sent to South Africa it was thought they would not be of much practical use, and the matter was undertaken more with the view of showing the loyal sympathy that the people of New South Wales and of Australia had with the British cause than anything else; but when accounts came—which so far as he was concerned he must admit were unexpected—of reverses to our arms, further action was taken to give some real assistance to our brothers on the other side of the water. (Cheers.) He had to thank Parliament, of which he was at the present time the mouthpiece, for the unanimous response that was given to his appeal on that occasion, also to thank Parliament for its generosity in saying that if during the recess he felt it his duty to send further troops he might depend on its further loyalty and support in the same way. (Cheers.) He sincerely trusted, nevertheless, that there might be no necessity to send a further contingent, and that in the course of a few weeks we should hear what would gladden our hearts, namely, of the victory of the British arms. (Cheers.) But if the necessity arose of still further assisting the Empire he hoped we should be able to send a sufficiently large contingent to be of good service. He wished to be allowed to refer to the brave deeds done in South Africa by the Gordon Highlanders and the Irish regiments—(cheers)—as well as the other British regiments. It made one's blood tingle to read of them. On the present occasion the Gordon Highlanders had not been as victorious as they had been elsewhere, but they had shown that courage was not lacking. (Cheers.) There had been no running away. That had been testified to by the Boers, who said it was marvellous to see the orderly retreat which they and the Irish troops made when they fell into an ambush. Australia had commenced to make her history on the battle-field by joining those troops in emulating the deeds that were done by their forefathers. The loss of those who had been shot down during the last few weeks was sincerely mourned; but it was a comfort in some sense to know that from the old country and from Greater Britain could be drawn those who could fill up the ranks that had been almost decimated in one particular instance. We could fill them by those who were descended from Scots. He was proud to say half his own blood was Scotch. (Cheers.) He would not say more beyond thanking all present for the toast.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. See, also responded. He said the Premier had expressed pretty well the sentiments of the Government. Still, he desired also to express his profound gratification at the loyalty which had been displayed by the people of New South Wales in sending troops to South Africa. It showed they fully recognised their obligations to the mother country. He gloried in the history of Scotchmen. There were around the table to-day men who were sending their sons to fight in the Empire's wars. The Mayor was one of them. He could feel as a father what a sacrifice one had to make in doing that; but when the Empire called every other consideration had to be abandoned. All felt delighted to belong to an Empire which had succeeded in bringing civilisation and freedom to men of every condition in the whole world. (Cheers.) In a few days we should be able to send forward a number of other volunteers to take part in the war in South Africa. They would probably go in three transports, and they would make up the balance of our contingent. Parliament had felt it was no time for cheeseparing, but it was a time for action, when it authorised the troops to be sent. Although the numbers sent by Australia were comparatively small, New South Wales alone had arranged to send something like 1500 soldiers of the best description—highly trained men. Those who were despatched on Saturday would compare favourably with men in any branch of the British service. Our men would be eminently useful. We had in the past been protected in New South Wales by the navy of Great Britain without incurring much expense to ourselves. Unfortunately in Parliament little had been made in years gone by of our volunteer forces. In the days to come he thought Parliament should strengthen the hands of those who were in charge of the volunteers. During the 20 years he had been in the House he had never yet given a vote which in any way tended to disparage or diminish the prestige or importance of the volunteer movement. In his opinion, if Australia had to depend on anyone for land defence it would have to depend mainly upon her citizen soldiers; and he considered in future it would be the duty of the Government to see that they were well looked after, properly trained, and equipped with suitable implements. (Cheers.) He had great pleasure in being present with the Highland Society in celebrating its national festival. He wished all the members a happy New Year, and he hoped that every succeeding year in the future would bring the society more members. (Cheers.)

The Rev. J. Ferguson proposed "The Highland Society." He said he was glad to find that the Ministry was sensible enough to keep in with the Scotch folk. That was the way to get along in the world. (Cheers and laughter.) If anyone got on with the Scotch they would carry him to the front. It was the Scotch national prayer to "give us a good conceit of oursel'es," and the Englishmen said of it "never was prayer so abundantly answered." (Great laughter.) The Highland Society was a society that believed in shoulder to shoulder. It existed not only to allow Scotchmen to enjoy themselves, but to help the poor and needy. Scotchmen were said to be close-fisted, but they knew how to open the fist at the right time, and they were then the best givers in all the world, because they happened to be the best keepers. The society sought to keep up great national traditions.

The chairman, in reply, said the society represented what one might call the æsthetic side of the Scotch character, or the romantic side. It devoted itself to cultivating the music, the dancing, and the games of old Scotland. The gallant conduct of the Highlanders at Dargai, Glencoe, Talana Hill, and at Elandslaagte showed that they were the true sons of the heroes whose undying fame was the heritage of all Scotland. (Cheers.) But in every military operation one had to expect reverses. Although the troops at Magersfontein displayed wondrous courage that engagement could hardly be considered a success. 150 years ago when fighting with the French at Ticonderoga the Highlanders were led up to unseen trenches and left many on the field dead, yet the poet wrote of it "thy green earth, Ticonderoga, keeps our glory green as ever." The same thing might be said of the Highlanders and certain localities in South Africa. Eventually Ticonderoga was evacuated by the French without striking a blow. He trusted another few weeks would see Magersfontein in our hands. The Highland Society, in the special circumstances, had decided this year to set aside 75 per cent. of the net proceeds of the gathering for charitable purposes, and the other 25 per cent. would be sent to Scotland for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Scottish regiments who had gone to the war which had been so shamefully forced upon us by a conspiracy at Bloemfontein and Pretoria. (Cheers.) He appealed to all true Scotchmen and Australians to show a practical interest in the welfare of the society. The Scotchmen who were its members were also Australians to the core. They desired that amongst the high qualities which would contribute to the formation of the character of the Australian nation a large infusion of those for which Scotchmen were famous would find a place. (Cheers.) The Scottish Rifles Regiment was one which was closely allied to the society, and if friends could do something to help that regiment forward he would urge it upon their attention as a good work that should not be neglected.

Mr. A. Kethel, M.L.C., proposed "Our Visitors."

Sir Matthew Harris, Mayor of Sydney, responded. He said this year there was a surplus of £2500 in the Sydney municipal accounts. It was the first time for 10 years that there had been a surplus, and the streets had not been neglected. He had not been cheeseparing to obtain that surplus, but he had done his duty by the city. (Cheers.) He was now entering on his third year of office, and his first obligation was to attend the Highland Gathering and become a Scotchman—(laughter)—although as a matter of fact he was an Irishman, he was proud to say. His son had gone to South Africa to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Scots Greys. He hoped he would come back, after having distinguished himself, safe and sound. (Cheers.)

Mr. J. S. Larke responded on behalf of Canada in an interesting speech. He said in Canada was being built up a freeborn, independent, and prosperous nation, and the numerous Scotchmen there were as proud of the country in which they lived as they were of the land from which they had sprung. They had not forgotten that besides being North Britons they were Britons of the Empire. The Scotchmen in Canada were amongst the men who sent a Canadian contingent to South Africa, and a second contingent had now been offered to form a further contingent of 5000 whenever Great Britain would accept it. (Cheers.) The British Empire was formed of a union of English, Scotch, and Irish. The reverses which had been alluded to would not do any harm. They would be cheap if their effect was to cement the Empire together. (Cheers.) Yet the desire of the Canadians was to achieve the victories of peace rather than of war.

The Premier proposed the health of the chairman, which was suitably responded to by Dr. MacLaurin, who said he knew of no object that was dearer to him than the prosperity of the Highland Society. He need not say how pleased he was to hear that the present gathering more than rivalled any other yet held. (Cheers.)

THE SPORTS.

The following were the results of the competitions:—

DANCING AND COSTUMES.

Highland Fling, boys 12 to 16, in costume.—A. Sharp, 1; W. Burton, 2; B. Melville, 3.

Highland Fling, lasses 12 to 14, in costume.—Emma Bellamy, 1; K. Cunningham, 2; Lily Waddell, 3.

Highland Fling, boys under 12, in costume.—J. Johnstone, 1; H. Bellamy, 2; C. Messiter, 3.

Highland Fling, lasses under 12, in costume.—Emily M'Gregor, 1; Mary Sneddon, 2; Elsie Baker, 3.

Highland Fling, adults, in costume.—James Munro, 1; W. T. Chadwick, 2; A. Bellamy, 3.

Gillie Callum, boys 12 to 16, in costume.—H. Bellamy, 1; A. Sharp, 2; W. Burton, 3.

Highland Reel, adults, in costume.—J. Munro, 1; J. Lyon, 2; W. T. Chadwick, 3.

Gillie Callum, adults.—James Munro, 1; A. B. Wilson, 2; W. T. Chadwick, 3.

Reel o' Tulloch, adults.—J. Lyon, 1; W. T. Chadwick, 2; H. Christianson, 3.

Irish Jig, men, and boys over 16.—J. J. Ritson, 1; A. B. Wilson, 2; J. Woods, 3.

Sailor's Hornpipe, men, and boys over 16.—J. Munro, 1; A. B. Wilson, 2; J. J. Ritson, 3.

Best-dressed Highlander.—Macrae, 1; M'Leod, 2; Nicholson, 3.

Highland Reel (lasses, 12 to 14).—Lillie Abbott, 1; Hilda Jones, 2; Edith M'Dowell, 3.

Highland Reel (boys, 12 to 16).—A. Sharp, 1; J. Johnstone, 2; G. Briggs, 3.

Piping.—Strathspeys and Reels: C. Munro, 1; J. Munro, 2.

Best Dressed Highland Boy (10 to 16 years).—C. Messiter, 1; G. Briggs, 2; W. Burton, 3.

Best Dressed Highland Lassie (10 to 16 years).—Edith M'Dowell, 1; Lily Waddell, 2; K. Cunningham, 3.

Best Dressed Highland Boy (under 10 years).—A. Cocksedge, 1; Harold Bellamy, 2; I. A. Munro, 3.

Best Dressed Highland Lassie (10 years and under).—Mary Sneddon, 1; Alice Ingram, 2; Elsie Baker, 3.

NAVAL AND MILITARY EVENTS.

Naval and Military Physical Drill Competition.—No. 3 Company R.A.A., 82 points, 1; Scottish Rifles, 77 points, 2.

Company Bayonet Exercise Competition.—Scottish Rifles, 156 points, 1; No. 3 Company, R.A.A., 130 points, 2.

Manual and Firing Exercise.—No. 3 Company, R.A.A., 83 points, 1; Scottish Rifles, 80 points, 2.

FIELD SPORTS.

Running High Jump.—J. Marsh, 18ft. 1in., 1; G. Longbottom, 17ft. 2in., 2.

Wrestling Match, Cumberland style.—D. M'Quaxer, 1; L. J. Ryan, 2; Dryden, 3.

Cutting Off the Boer's Head.—W. Johnson, 1; Larcombe, 2.

Tossing the Caber.—C. Gandry, 21ft. 10½in., 1; D. M'Quaxer, 21ft. 9½in., 2; L. J. Ryan, 21ft. 5in., 3.

Throwing the Hammer (all-comers' handicap).—L. J. Ryan, allowed 8ft., 102ft. 4in., 1; W. Todd, allowed 15ft., 102ft., 2; Adamson, allowed 10ft., 99ft., 3.

Putting the Stone (22lb. handicap).—O'Keefe, allowed 2ft., 31ft., 1; L. J. Ryan, scratch, 30ft. 10in., 2; W. Todd, allowed 2ft., 29ft., 3.

Running High Jump.—J. M. Conroy, 5ft. 6½in., 1; W. Gough, 2; J. Marsh, 3.

Hop, Step, and Jump.—J. Marsh, 44ft. 10½in., 1; Longbottom, 40ft. 8in., 2.

Sack Race, all comers.—L. Chiene, 1; H. Hayes, 2.

Throwing 16lb. Hammer, amateur championship of New South Wales (from 9ft. circle, holder of title J. W. Milward).—W. Bethune (Sydney Harriers), 95ft. 2in., 1; J. Lyons (Warringah Harriers), 80ft. 6in., 2.

Pole Vaulting.—W. Gough, 1; Honeyfield, 2; Nixon and Ryan, dead heat, 3.

Obstacle Race, all comers, 440 yards.—Johnstone, 1; F. Hamilton, 2; J. Marsh, 3.

Half-mile Flat Race (N.S.W.A.A.A.)—H. C. Holden (Forest Lodge Harriers), 5 yards, 1; J. Fyfe (Sydney Harriers), 43 yards, 2; J. Kay (Forest Lodge Harriers), 50 yards, 3. Time, 2 minutes 5 2-5 seconds.

Throwing Boomerang by Aboriginals.—Joe Sims, 1; Mick Bell, 2; Jack Sams, 3.

One Mile Handicap, all comers.—J. Lindsay, 90 yards, 1; P. Woods, 95 yards, 2. Time 4 minutes 47 2-5 seconds.

One Mile Handicap Walk (N.S.W.A.A.A.)—H. J. Collins (Darlinghurst Harriers), 100 seconds, 1; A. R. Harding (Forest Lodge Harriers), 40 seconds, 2; C. Field (Warringah Harriers), scratch, 3. Won easily by 30 yards. Time, 8 minutes 55 seconds.

Boys' Flat Race (15 years and under) 100 Yards Handicap.—A. M'Cabe, 1; R. Riemenschneider, 2; B. Ellis, 3. Time, 12 seconds.

New Year's Day Cup, 150 yards handicap, all comers.—First heat: J. Taylor, 2 yards, 1. Time, 16 seconds. Second heat: R. Hourigan, 8 yards, 1. Time, 15 4-5 seconds. Third heat: T. J. O'Farrell, 12 yards, 1. Time, 16 4-5 seconds. Fourth heat: J. Jones, 16 yards, 1. Time, 15 9-10 seconds. Fifth heat: H. Jones, 8 yards, 1. Time, 15 2-5 seconds. Final: Taylor, 2 yards, 1; H. Jones, 8 yards, 2; Hourigan, 8 yards, 3. Time, 15 seconds.

100 Yards Amateur Handicap (under N.S.W. A.A.A. rules).—First heat: N. L. Chapman, Redfern Harriers, 8½ yards, 1. Time, 10½ seconds. Second heat: W. M'Donald, Sydney Harriers, 5 yards, 1. Time, 11 seconds. Third heat: J. G. Griffin, Darlinghurst Harriers, 7½ yards, 1. Time, 10 4-5 seconds. Fourth heat: T. W. Crawley, Warringah Harriers, 7½ yards. Time, 10 3-5 seconds. Final: N. L. Chapman, 8½ yards, 1; W. M'Donald, 5 yards, 2; T. W. Crawley, 7½ yards, 3; J. G. Griffin, 7½ yards, 4. Time, 10 2-5 seconds.

Obstacle Race (N.S.W.A.A.A.).—A. J. Barter (Darlinghurst Harriers), 1; L. Hart (Forest Lodge Harriers), 2.

Running High Jump.—Marsh, 1.

Half-mile Bicycle Race, handicap (under rules of N.S.W. Cyclists' Union).—First heat: O. De Lissa (Suburban B.C.), scratch, 1; J. Chambers (Redfern B.C.), 25 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 3 2-5 seconds. Second heat: A. E. Smith (Newtown B.C.), 50 yards, 1; O. Park (Suburban B.C.), 30 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 3 3-5 seconds. Third heat: E. A. Perry (Redfern B.C.), 30 yards, 1; W. Pascoe, 45 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 2 1-5 seconds.

120 Yards Hurdle Handicap (N.S.W.A.A.A.).—J. English (S.H.), owes 6 yards, 1; C. J. Johnson (L.H.), scratch, 2. Time, 22 4-5 seconds. Second heat: G. C. Griffin (D.H.) owes 15 yards, 1; L. Hart (F.L.H.) owes 6 yards, 2. Time, 21 3-5 seconds. Final: J. English, 1; G. C. Griffin, 2; C. J. Johnson, 3. Won easily. Time, 21 seconds.

Obstacle Race.—Johnstone, 1; Hamilton, 2; Marsh, 3.

BICYCLE RACES.

100 Yards Slow Bicycle Race.—C. A. Cameron (Redfern B.C.).

Two Mile Bicycle Race, Handicap (members of N.S.W. Cyclists' Union).—First heat: O. Park (Suburban B.C.), 100 yards, 1; A. E. Smith (Newtown B.C.), 205 yards, 2; O. de Lissa (Suburban B.C.), scratch, 3; G. Longmuir (Redfern B.C.), 70 yards, 4. Time, 5 minutes 29 seconds. Second heat: C. Cameron (Redfern B.C.), scratch, 1; W. Turnbull (Balmain B.C.), 175 yards, 2; W. Field (Redfern B.C.), 75 yards, 3; W. Maidment (Redfern B.C.), 210 yards, 4. Time: 5 minutes 49 seconds. Final: O. Park, 100 yards, 1; W. Turnbull, 175 yards, 2; A. E. Smith, 205 yards, 3. Won by a wheel. Time, 5 minutes 26 3-5 seconds.

One Lap Bicycle Handicap, for boys under 12 years.—W. Tozer, 1; A. Craig, 2.

Fancy Dress Competition and Novelty Bicycle Race (Cyclists' Union).—Fancy dress: J. Tremlett (costume, Scottish Rifles), 1; W. Maidment (Kaffir), 2. Race: J. Chambers, 1; C. Cameron, 2.

Ten Miles Championship of New South Wales.—C. A. Cameron (Redfern B.C.), 1; O. L. de Lissa (Suburban B.C.), 2; G. W. Pulford (Redfern B.C.), 3. Pulford led for the opening couple of laps, and was attended by Roberts, who went to the front for the third lap, but was displaced for the two succeeding laps by Pulford. Then Park took up the running, but in the sixth lap he had to follow the lead of Roberts. At the third mile the first three were Pulford, Roberts and Park, and the rest were in a bunch close up. Roberts, Park, and R. Clarke took turns to lead until the 24th lap, at which Park went to the front and remained there until the concluding lap. At the sixth mile Smyth retired owing to a punctured tire, and Roberts had had enough. The lot bunched at the sound of the bell. At the scoring board Denney sprinted, and had an advantage of three lengths, then Longmuir went after him, and was on terms at the northern terrace. While Longmuir and Pulford were fighting out a great battle past the members' stand, Cameron was coming fast along the top of the bank, and there were several adjacent. Opposite the ladies' pavilion an unfortunate accident happened. Field's tire blew out, and he, falling, dragged Longmuir with him. Neither was much hurt, but it robbed them, especially Longmuir, of an excellent chance. Cameron, continuing, ran home a winner by a length. The time was 25 minutes 15 2-5 seconds. Park won the lap prize.

Half-mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).—First heat: O. De Lissa, Suburban B.C., scratch, 1; J. Chambers, Redfern B.C., 25 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 3 2-5 seconds. Second heat: A. E. Smith, Newtown B.C., 50 yards, 1; G. Park, Balmain B.C., 30 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 2 3-5 seconds. Third heat: W. Barry, P.E.B.C., 25 yards, 1; A. G. Roberts, N.S.W.C.C., 25 yards, 2. Time, 1 minute 2 1-5 seconds. Final: W. Barry, 1; H. E. Roberts, 2; De Lissa, 3. Time, 1 minute 4 2-5 seconds.

100 Yards Bicycle Slow Race.—C. A. Cameron, Redfern B.C., 1; W. T. Field, Redfern B.C., 2.

Miss Nessie Law gave two displays of fancy riding, and was much applauded.

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT CONCERT.

The Highland Society's New Year's Night concert was an unqualified success from every point of view. The programme was unusually well varied, and the attendance at the Town Hall thronged every part of the building. Indeed, the committee reluctantly turned hundreds of people away, and not less than £250 was realised for charitable purposes. The part songs of the Burns' Club Choir, under Mr. James Johnston's direction, proved one of the pleasantest features in the entertainment. Though the choir was not large, the singers were so familiar with their music, and kept so well together, that they easily filled the hall, and in such numbers as "Charlie is My Darling" produced a considerable volume of harmonious sound. One of their best achievements was "Cadul gu lo'r," the sweet and plaintive quality of which was greatly enhanced by the pianissimo at the close; and Mr. Alfred Hill's appropriate arrangement of "My Heather Hills" was brightly rendered. Amongst the individual numbers one of the most popular was Mr. Walter Bentley, whose stirring recitation of "The Relief of the Fort," describing how Jessie Brown first heard the Highland regiments approaching to the relief of Lucknow, excited the utmost enthusiasm. The actor was especially cheered by the members of the Scottish Rifles, who were present in uniform. As encore Mr. Bentley added Burns' "Address to a Haggis," when his racy apostrophe to the "great chieftain of the puddin' race" caused roars of laughter. Mr. Walter C. Marshall was another favourite, whose fund of humour, as exhibited in the "Laird o' Cockpen," was peculiarly Scottish in character. The encore was "Ha, ha, the Wooing o't." Miss Bessie Fraser's sympathetic voice was well employed in "Jessie's Dream," and Miss Maggie M'Cann was warmly encored for "Caller Herrin." Her arch and vivacious delivery of "Behave yoursel' afore folk" delighted the audience. Miss Nellie Cooke sang brilliantly "Bel Raggio," and the singer did especially well in Ciardi's "The Nightingale," with its beautiful flute accompaniment. This obligato was played by Mr. John Lemmone, whose fantasia on "Scottish Airs" was one of the chief events of the evening. The eminent flautist rendered "Loch-na-gar," "O, Nannie, Wilt Thou Gang wi' Me," and "The Bonnie Breist Knots." In each the character of the melody was artistically recognised in the scheme of variation, all were brilliantly played, and the dainty vivacity of the last-named was charming. Mr. Alec Edward stirred the audience with a fiery rendering of "The Battle of Stirling," and the popular baritone also excited enthusiasm with the patriotic song, "When the Empire Calls" (Hill). Mr. J. Gregor Wood's pure tenor voice was used with judgment and success in "M'Gregor's Gathering." Mr. J. Edward Sykes accompanied the soloists.

POLICE COURTS.

Lighting Bonfires.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Macfarlane, D.S.M., the following fines were inflicted upon persons charged with making bonfires on New Year's Eve:—John Molley, 18, slippermaker, £1, or 14 days; John Murphy, 32, fisherman, £1, or 14 days; Henry White, 38, George Williams, 17, fishmonger, Henry Freeman, 15, carter, George Woods, 14, butcher, each 2s 6d, or 24 hours; Albert James Lucas, 17, printer, James Gray, 14, boot hand, each 2s 6d, or 24 hours; John M'Pharland, 13, bottle dealer, 2s 6d, or 24 hours; Henry Stubbles, 17, labourer, 2s 6d, or 24 hours.

Bad Language.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., James Thompson, aged 18, was charged with having used indecent language in King-street, Newtown, on Saturday evening. He was fined £3, in default imprisonment for two months. At the same court Johnson Scott, aged 21, was charged with having used indecent language in Parramatta-road, Petersham, on Saturday. He was fined £2, in default imprisonment for one month. At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Richard M'Evoy, aged 59, was charged with having used bad language within the hearing of persons passing in Pike's-lane, Alexandria. He was fined £1, in default 14 days' gaol.

Riotous Conduct.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., John Williamson, aged 15, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner in Iredale-street, Newtown on December 30. He was fined 10s, in default three days' gaol. At the same court Samuel Cohen, aged 17, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner in Frederick-street, Bexley, on Saturday. He was fined 10s, in default three days' gaol. At the same court Arthur Anderson, aged 26, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner in Wilson-street, Newtown, on Saturday. He was fined 10s, in default three days' gaol. At the same court Frederick Johnson, aged 21, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner in Frederick-street, Bexley, on Saturday. He was ordered to pay a fine of 10s, in default three days' gaol. At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., John Ellis, aged 18, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner in Bullanaming-street, Redfern, on December 30. He was fined 5s, or 24 hours' imprisonment. At the same court Charles Donohoe, aged 16, was charged with having behaved in a riotous manner in Regent-street, Redfern, on Saturday. He was fined £1, in default 14 days' gaol.

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

The annual race meeting of Tattersall's Club was continued and concluded at Randwick yesterday, and was favoured with fine weather, tempered by an invigorating breeze from the sea. The attendance was quite in keeping with the records of the past, and numbered over 12,000, including his Excellency the Governor and a party from Government House, members of the Ministry and of both Houses of Parliament, and many gentlemen holding leading positions in the commercial, professional, and social life of the colony. The summer sun had exhausted the bright verdant colour from the lawns, but nevertheless tastefully dressed ladies and gentlemen promenaded in the intervals between the races in front of the grand stand in large numbers to the strains of music performed by Mr. De Groen's vice-regal band. The Steeplechase, which was a chapter of accidents, but fortunately without serious results, came to an unsatisfactory and somewhat comical conclusion, and the stewards, after inquiring into the riding of The Toff, decided that the rider was not competent, and it would be advisable if the Australian Jockey Club debarred him from riding again in public across country. The arrangements at the course, under the supervision of the secretary, Mr. J. B. Olliffe, were carried out in the usual satisfactory manner.

There was a large gathering at Randwick yesterday, and the grand stand was well filled with visitors, amongst whom was his Excellency the Governor, attended by Captain Wilfrid Smith, A.D.C. The lawn and saddling paddock looked gay with the light and dainty summer dresses worn by the ladies, the floral muslins, foulards, and voiles being most appropriate for the typical summer's day. There were many strangers present, and but few familiar faces were seen, the majority of Sydney residents still being out of town for the holidays. One of the prettiest dresses was worn by Mrs. J. H. Want, the pale grey voile being trimmed with cream applique lace chiffon and sequins, and a large black and white picture hat completed the toilette. Mrs. Alfred Tooth was in white with a dark-red hat. Mrs. A. Busby wore a pink chine silk bolero jacket trimmed with cream guipure, and a white and pink skirt. Mrs. Westgarth's pale pink silk was trimmed with cream lace and chiffon and touches of black velvet. Mrs. Alfred Nathan was in white, the muslin bodice trimmed with pale blue; a pale blue straw hat. Mrs. W. Mort wore pale heliotrope and pink-figured foulard trimmed with cream lace, and a black and white hat. Mrs. Knight's pale cream and orange figured foulard was trimmed with cream lace and touches of orange-coloured velvet, and was worn with a toque of white tulle with black gauze wings. Mrs. Hotham was in white muslin trimmed with black lace insertion made over a pale green foundation. Mrs Slattery wore a black and heliotrope figured muslin, trimmed with black lace, and a bonnet to match. Miss Slattery was in pale blue voile trimmed with black lace. Mrs. W. Hall wore a white and cream figured muslin, with toque to match. Mrs. Lane Mullins had a white skirt with a pale green figured foulard blouse and a tuscan toque with pink roses. Mrs. Inglis was in black, relieved with pale blue. Miss Inglis wore white. Mrs. G. Rundle's pale gray voile was trimmed with stripes of cream guipure, edged with black ribbon velvet, and yoke of cream lace; white and black hat. Mrs. Gollin's white and black figured muslin was made over a black foundation, and was trimmed with lace. Miss Gollin wore white, with a pale blue chiffon boa. Mrs. E. Simpson was in white. Mrs. Arnold wore dark blue and white spotted foulard, with a black toque. Mrs. M. Severn's cream chine silk blouse was worn with a cream alpaca skirt. Amongst others present were Mr. and Miss Fosbery, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Alfred Tooth, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Westgarth, Mr. and Mrs. Donkin, Miss Donkin, Mr. Boyce Allen, Mr. J. Allen, the Misses Bloomfield, Miss Doyle, Miss Baxter, Mrs. G. Cohen, the Misses Moses, Mr. W. Mort, Mr. R. Bright, Mr. MacGeorge, Mr. Clibborn, Captain Kyngdon, Mr. Alfred Nathan, Captain Young, Mr. Dudley Gibson, &c.

THE RACING.

For the Flying Welter, with which the proceedings commenced, only half a dozen were stripped, and the Clarence River-bred gelding Alderman was elected favourite, with Crinan and California next fancied, the others being entirely neglected. Stellarane, Scots Guard, and Alderman formed the leading division until well on the road for home, and Alderman flattered his supporters inside the distance, but California came with a well-timed run at the half-distance and scored comfortably at the finish, while the favourite was beaten out of a place. A field of half a score took the track for the Nursery Handicap, and so strong was the demand for the Medallion colt, Barbarossa, that even money was the best to be got at the close of operations, while Gonaro, Skien Dhu, and Butternut met with fair support at outside prices. Ostentatious and Iron Hoop got badly away, and Skien Dhu took up the running, escorted by Carline and Barbarossa, and the Lochiel filly held her place until nearing the distance, where Barbarossa, Butternut, and Webbe closed upon her. A little further on the battle resolved itself into a duel between the favourite and Butternut, who disputed every inch of ground up to the post, and Barbarossa claimed the judge's verdict by a short head. Barbarossa is a fine, shapely colt by Medallion from Algerine, by Hawthornden (imp.) from Algeria (imp.), by Blinkhoolie from Adrastis, by St. Albans, and was bred at Tocal by Mr. Frank Reynolds. The New Year's Gift attracted a field of 13, and Caledonia carried most public money, while Cyanide, Goldsmith, and Amourette also received a good measure of support. Alemene, Latem, and Victory formed the leading division to the home turn, where Latem drew clear, and Bullomin on the outside moved up towards the leaders. When they reached the distance Bullomin threw out a resolute challenge to Latem, who, when asked the final question collapsed, and Bullomin headed her as they passed the half-distance. Then Goldsmith, who had hitherto been running in the back division, came with a late but brilliant run, and though he was fast overhauling Bullomin, the son of Lennox got home in safety by a neck. The favourite ran well forward all the way, but failed to finish with any resolution. The way was now clear for the leading event, Tattersall's Club Cup, from the list for which War God, Bullomin, and Saper had been eliminated, and a field of 16 were saddled up. Vocalist had the call in the market, and held his place in the quotations up to the rise of the barrier, backers freely accepting 3 to 1. Blue Metal was next fancied, and, bar two, 10 to 1 was obtainable. Mora and Carberra being marketable at that price. They were sent away promptly to time, Ambition and Bellwood leading, with Blue Metal in his accustomed place at the rear. Bellwood retired as they swept past the stand, and his place was taken by Meribah, and the leaders had placed a gap of four lengths between themselves and the field as they turned out of the straight, Bellwood, Sirdar, and Willie being their nearest attendants. The leading contingent was the same as they sailed passed Oxenham's and along the back past the seven-furlongs post, but a little further on Mora made a forward move, and at the six-furlongs post took up the position just vacated by Ambition at Meribah's side. After passing that point Mora shot right clear from her field, and in the next furlong had a gap of eight lengths to her credit, an advantage which she held until well on the road for home. The favourite, who had hitherto been running in the ruck, then appeared upon the scene, but with such a break his pursuit of the mare seemed hopeless. However, she began to tire after passing the distance, and Vocalist, coming with great determination, caught and passed her at the half-distance, and cantered home alone. The winner, who is by Gozo from Carmen, by Goldsbrough from Dolly Varden, by Lord of Linne (imp.) from Remnant, by Young Gustavus (imp.) from the famous Mirror (imp.), was bred at the Tucka Tucka stud by Mr. J. R. Smith. He ran unsuccessfully as a two-year-old, and his first victory was achieved in the Welter Mile at the Rosehill February Meeting last season. At the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting he ran unplaced in the Epsom Handicap, but in the Sydney Cup he finished a dead heat with X Ray behind Diffidence and Clarion. After that meeting he met with an accident, which necessitated a spell, and he did not appear again in public until he donned the colours for the A.J.C. Summer Cup, in which he ran second to Blue Metal. Though Mora was run almost to a standstill she easily beat Willie for second place. Carberra was buried in the ruck most of the way, and his penalty proved too much for Blue Metal. Flodden was never prominent, but April Fool got into the leading division as they swung round the bend, only to melt out of it in the run home. The Steeplechase, for which four started, was responsible for one of the most extraordinary cross-country contests ever seen at Randwick. Murrabrine was made favourite, with The Toff, a Queensland-bred gelding, by The Swell, next in request. The Toff, who was piloted by Mr. James Graham, who in the northern colony had successfully steered the gelding over the big timber on several occasions, went away with the lead, clearing his fences in grand style, while the first obstacle stopped Lady Lygon, and Finbar lost his rider at the brush fence in the first round. The Toff was then left with a lead of a hundred yards from his only opponent, Murrabrine, but Graham lost one of his stirrups at the next fence, and had a most uncomfortable ride over the timber until he pulled up after going a round of the track. In the meantime Murrabrine toppled over the logs at the old Derby corner, but Regan was soon in the saddle again, and set out in what appeared hopeless pursuit of The Toff, but as the latter was pulled up near the five-furlongs post the favourite drew up within a few lengths of him before he got going again. With a few lengths' advantage The Toff cleared the last fence, but in doing so jumped his rider out of the saddle, and the favourite was left to finish the course alone. The meeting was brought to a close with the Welter Handicap, in which 11 took part, with St. Clare a warm favourite, and after Cabin Boy had set the pace for nearly half the journey, the big son of Cranbrook took charge of affairs and justified his selection by winning easily. The details of the racing follow:—

Flying Welter Handicap.—A handicap sweepstakes of £1 10s each for starters, with 75 sovs. added; second 10 sovs. from the prize; lowest weight, 8st 7lb.—6 furlongs.

Mr. R. Richards's br g California, by Metal (imp.)—Caledonia, 6 years or aged, 8st 7lb (W. H. Smith)	1
Mr. E. Keys's br g La Hogue, by Lochiel—Blaxland's Camelia, 3 or 4 years, 8st 10lb (M. Harris)	2
Mr. W. Kelso's b g Stellarane, by Lord Cochrane—Stella, 6 years or aged, 8st 1lb (H. Cook)	3

Other starters: Alderman, 8st 11lb (F. Fielder); Crinan, 8st 7lb (J. M'Gee); Scots Guard, 8st 7lb (G. Kadwell).

Betting: 5 to 4 v. Alderman, 4 to 1 v. Crinan, 5 to 1 v. California, 10 to 1 v. others.

Stellarane was first away and led past the five-furlongs post, escorted by Alderman and California. Passing the half-mile post Scots Guard was joined by Stellarane, the pair being two lengths in advance of Alderman, who was a length in front of La Hogue and California, with Crinan at the tail of the hunt. Alderman moved up to the leading pair as they swept round the bend, La Hogue and California being two lengths away. In that order they turned into the straight, and at the distance Stellarane was leading Alderman by a length, with California two lengths off. At the half-distance Alderman retired, and as he did so California shot out and headed Stellarane, and drawing right away won by two lengths from La Hogue, who beat Stellarane by half a length for second place. Alderman was half a length away fourth, followed by Scots Guard and Crinan. Time, 1 minute 16½ seconds.

Nursery Handicap.—A handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize; for two-year-olds.—5½ furlongs.

Mr. C. Jeffries's b c Barbarossa, by Medallion—Algerine, 7st 11lb (E. Cleal)	1
Mr. W. Penn's ch c Butternut, by Eridspord—Buttercup, 8st 4lb (E. A. Huxley)	2
Mr. W. Kelso's bn or blk c Webbe, by Little Bernie—My Idea, 7st 12lb (H. Cook)	3

Other starters: Iron Hoop 8st 7lb (J. M'Gee); Skien Dhu, 8st 6lb (F. Kuhn); Gonaro, 8st 4lb (L. Want); San Fran, 8st (J. Brooks); Ostentatious, 7st 11lb (F. Lister); Carline 7st 7lb (A. J. Luckman); Field Gun, 7st 4lb (J. Sixsmith).

Betting: Even money on Barbarossa, 6 to 1 v. Gonaro, 7 to 1 v. Skien Dhu, 8 to 1 v. Butternut, 10 to 1 v. Webbe.

Skien Dhu and San Fran were smartest on their legs, and when fairly on the road Skien Dhu was leading by half a length from Carline and Barbarossa, after whom came Butternut, Webbe, and San Fran, with Iron Hoop and Ostentatious in the rear. In that order they rattled past the half-mile post, and rounded the bend, and as they swung into the straight Skien Dhu was still leading by two lengths from Barbarossa and Carline, while on the outside Butternut was showing prominently. At the distance the field closed up, and Skien Dhu, Barbarossa, and Butternut were battling it out in front. Inside the distance Butternut headed Barbarossa, and the pair fighting out a brilliant finish Barbarossa gained the judge's verdict by a head. Webbe was a length and a half off, third, followed at a similar interval by Skien Dhu, who was a neck in front of Gonaro, with Carline at the head of the others and Ostentatious last. Time, 1 minute 11 seconds.

New Year's Gift.—A handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added, second 20 sovs. from the prize.—6 furlongs.

Mr. J. M. M'Master's b g Bullomin, by Lennox—Ilex, 6 years, 8st 6lb (M. Harris)	1
Mr. A. Hooke, jun.'s, b g Goldsmith, by Jeweller—Esther, 3 years, 8st 10lb (M. Cherry)	2
Mr. R. Richards's blk m Latem, by Metal (imp.)—Limerick Lass, 6 years, 8st 12lb (W. H. Smith)	3

Other starters: Whakawatea, 8st 12lb (T. Woodgate); Caledonia, 8st 12lb (F. Kuhn); Amourette, 8st 9lb (H. Cook); Parapet, 8st 3lb (J. Sixsmith); Cyanide, 7st 12lb (S. Callinan); Alcmene, 7st 9lb (A. J. Luckman); Torment, 7st 3lb (J. Gilmore); Condiment, 7st 1lb (R. Brennan); Victory, 6st 10lb, including 2lb over (L. Kuhn); Yule Cake, 6st 7lb (W. Bennett).

Betting: 5 to 1 v. Caledonia, 6 to 1 v. Cyanide, 7 to 1 v. Goldsmith, 8 to 1 v. Amourette, 10 to 1 each v. Latem and Whakawatea, 12 to 1 v. Bullomin.

Alcmene broke the line, and led past the five-furlongs post a length from Latem, who was a couple of lengths ahead of Caledonia, Whakawatea, and Victory. At the half-mile post Alcmene, Latem, and Victory were disputing the lead two lengths from Caledonia, Whakawatea, and Condiment, and so they came round the bend, but as they swung into the straight Latem drew out from Alcmene and Caledonia, while Bullomin was showing prominently on the outside. Latem began to hang out signals of distress at the distance, where Bullomin challenged her, and passing her at the half-distance, stalled off a determined challenge from Goldsmith, beating him by a neck. Latem was two lengths off, and was succeeded by Yule Cake, Alcmene, Caledonia, and Parapet, while Torment, Victory, and Whakawatea brought up the rear. Time, 1 minute 16½ seconds.

Tattersall's Club Cup.—A handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each for starters, with 500 sovs. added; second 100 sovs. and third 50 sovs. from the prize.—2 miles.

Mr. R. Wootton's br g Vocalist, by Gozo (imp.)—Carmen, 4 years, 7st 5lb (C. M. Godby)	1
Mr. E. H. Knight's ch m Mora, by Malua—White Star, 6 years, 8st 2lb (C. Parker)	2
Mr. R. Richards's b g Willie, by Cantona (imp.)—Verpa, 6st 11lb, including 8lb penalty (W. H. Smith)	3

Other starters: April Fool, 8st 6lb (S. Callinan); Flodden, 8st 5lb (J. M'Gee); The Prize, 7st 10lb (H. Cook); Charge, 7st 10lb (J. Sixsmith); Carberra, 7st 8lb (F. Kuhn); Blue Metal, 7st 10lb, including 10lb penalty (R. Brennan); Inquirer, 7st 1lb, including 5lb penalty (S. Tucker); Sirdar, 6st 11lb, including 3lb penalty (A. Gorman); Ambition, 7st 2½lb, including 5½lb over (H. Farrell); Meribah, 6st 10lb, including 2lb over (L. Kuhn); Bellwood, 6st 7lb (W. Burke); Drama, 6st 12lb, including 5lb penalty (J. Brook); Citizen, 6st 10lb, including 3lb penalty (F. Hickey).

Betting: 3 to 1 v. Vocalist, 6 to 1 v. Blue Metal, 10 to 1 each v. Carberra and Mora, 14 to 1 each v. Flodden, April Fool, and Charge, 20 to 1 each v. Meribah and Citizen, 25 to 1 v. Drama, Willie, and Inquirer, 30 to 1 v. others.

Ambition and Bellwood led off, while Blue Metal was the last to get going. Passing the half-mile post Ambition was leading Bellwood by a neck, with Meribah a similar trifle off, and two lengths in advance of Mora and Willie, after whom came Inquirer and Sirdar, and so they swept round the bend and turned into the straight. They rattled past the judge's box with Meribah and Ambition disputing the lead two lengths from Bellwood, Sirdar, and Inquirer, who were followed by a cluster which included Willie, Mora, and Flodden, with Charge acting as whipper-in. The leading pair drew out for a four-lengths' break as they turned out of the straight, Bellwood and Sirdar were next and a length in front of Willie, Inquirer, Flodden, and Mora, the rearguard consisting of Charge, Blue Metal, April Fool, and Citizen. They ran past Oxenham's without material alteration, and passing the mile-post Meribah took charge of affairs with Ambition at his girths and a length from Sirdar, Willie, Bellwood, and Mora, with Flodden half a length off, and so they swept past the seven-furlongs post. Nearing the end of the next furlong Ambition beat a retreat. Mora raced up alongside of Meribah, and at length intervals followed Sirdar, Willie, Drama, and Inquirer, but a little further on Mora flashed out, and led past the five-furlongs post nearly eight lengths from Drama and Meribah, who were a length from Sirdar, Willie, and Vocalist, and so they swung past the half-mile post. Mora held her advantage coming round the bend, with Willie and April Fool next a length from Vocalist, Citizen, Drama, and Blue Metal. They turned into the straight without much change, but Mora was beginning to tire at the distance, where Vocalist was next half a dozen lengths away. Vocalist came along resolutely from that point, and, overhauling the mare at every stride, passed her at the half-distance, and cantered home the easiest of winners by nearly seven lengths. Willie was a similar distance off third, with Carberra, The Prize, and Bellwood at his girths, two lengths away came April Fool, Blue Metal, Charge, and Inquirer, and after a gap succeeded Drama, Flodden, and Citizen, with Ambition and Sirdar last. Time, 3 minutes 31½ seconds.

Steeplechase.—A handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize; over such course and jumps as the committee shall direct.—About 2½ miles.

Mr. W. Kelso's br or blk g Murrabrine, by First Demon—Warrior mare, 6 years or aged, 10st 2lb (P. Regan)	1

Other starters: The Toff, 11st 6lb (Mr. Jas. Graham); Finbar, 9st 5lb (G. Phillips); Lady Lygon, 9st (B. Whalley).

Betting: 10 to 9 v. Murrabrine, 3 to 1 v. The Toff, 4 to 1 v. Lady Lygon, 8 to 1 v. Finbar.

The Toff sailed off in front, and showed the way over the first obstacle, which stopped Lady Lygon, and The Toff crossed the treble 10 lengths from Finbar, who was a similar distance from Murrabrine. Finbar moved up to The Toff at the fence near Oxenham's, over which he nearly came down, but he jumped his rider out of the saddle at the brush fence, leaving the favourite with a lead of 100 yards from Murrabrine. There the rider of The Toff lost one of his stirrups, but went on and cleared the logs, which brought down Murrabrine, who was remounted, and went on after the Queenslander. Graham had a very rough ride, and nearly fell off several times, but pulled up to regain his stirrup when five furlongs from home. In the meantime Murrabrine was fast overhauling the leader, and got within a few lengths of him at the last jump, after crossing which Graham fell out of the saddle, and Murrabrine cantered home alone.

Welter Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added; second 20 sovs. from the prize; lowest weight, 7st 7lb.—1 mile.

Mr. S. Fielder's br c St. Clare, by Cranbrook—Clare, 3 years, 8st 4lb (F. Fielder)	1
Mr. G. Miller's ch m Loch Clevedon, by Lochiel—Lady Clevedon, 5 years, 8st 9lb (W. H. Smith)	2
Mr. G. Ternan's ch g Sirocco, by Sirius—Sultana, 5 years, 8st 1lb (S. Callinan)	3

Other starters: Cabin Boy, 10st 2lb (J. Chevalley); Bullomin, 10st 2lb, including 7lb penalty (M. Harris); Hyde, 8st 12lb (H. Cook); Defendant, 8st 9lb (T. Woodgate); Blue Nobby, 8st 5lb (L. C. Want); Magnet, 8st 4lb (F. Kuhn); Zeno II., 8st 1lb (T. Johnson); Leapfrog, 7st 12lb (F. Lister).

Betting: 2 to 1 v. St. Clare, 4 to 1 v. Blue Nobby, 5 to 1 v. Bullomin, 6 to 1 v. Loch Clevedon, 12 to 1 each v. Zeno II. and Hyde, 14 to 1 v. others.

Cabin Boy was smartest off the mark, and was soon joined by the favourite, the pair passing the seven furlongs post a length from Zeno II., Leapfrog, and Magnet, with Bullomin bringing up the rear. Cabin Boy, Leapfrog, the favourite, and Sirocco, separated by half lengths, rattled past the six furlongs post as named, and after a gap came Magnet at the head of the others. That order was preserved until nearing the half-mile post, where the favourite took charge of affairs from Cabin Boy, Sirocco, Loch Clevedon, and Leapfrog, after whom came Blue Nobby and Zeno II. St. Clare rattled into the straight three lengths in front of Loch Clevedon and Sirocco, and coming on won easily by two lengths and a half from Clevedon, who beat Sirocco by a neck for second place. Bullomin was five lengths away, and two lengths in advance of Defendant, Zeno II., and Blue Nobby, with Leapfrog, Hyde, and Magnet in the rear. Time, 1 minute 41½ seconds.

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ARRIVALS.—January 1.

Wodonga, s., 2340 tons, Captain J. E. Meaburn, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mesdames M'Rae, Herbert, Creugel and 3 children, Slattery, Dillon, Taylor, W. A. Fenton, Pickersgill, Brown, Smithiam, A. Fisher and child, Cameron, Musson and 2 children, Misses Hudson, Nimmo, M. Nimmo, G. C. Smith, Stilwell, Dillon, Jerram, C. Taylor, Thomas, C. L. Row, G. Baker, Lindsay, M'Mahon, four Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Messrs. Herbert, Creugel, W. D. Perrin, Williamson, G. Banks, J. Williams, H. C. R. Smith, W. A. Fenton, H. Fenton, A. C. Mackenzie, L. Rowley, C. A. Wilson, T. Olive, C. Curnow, A. Eaton, Nelson, W. Strong, J. J. Sheedy, W. S. Sheedy, T. F. Corbett, S. Row, Bladen (2), T. Unwin, Holthouse, Holthouse, jun., Dalwood, H. Hilliard, H. L. Edwards, A. Fisher, T. Young, Hamilton, Cameron, R. B. Patterson, M. M'Mahon, C. E. Warren, J. Bowring, D. Anderson, Dr. Lyons, Captain E. Jundahl, and 56 in the steerage. For Queensland ports: Mrs. Balmforth, Mrs. Cotham, Miss Hartley, Messrs. Duffell, D. Gronaw, R. Duff, S. Bottomley, Rylah, H. Barton, E. Barton, and 6 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Coolgardie, s., 1653 tons, Captain C. I. Nightingall, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. M'Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Morter, Mr. and Mrs. Yates and child, Mesdames J. Ramsay and Yates, Misses Martin (2), Atkinson, Bagnell, Negus, Bourke (2), Lee, Gregorie, and Tudehope, Messrs. Boughton, Lang, M'Grath (2), Dawes, Chatfield, Farror, Atkinson, Stewart, Captain Bennett, Jenvey, Bowden, and Sinclair, and 40 in the second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Australian (E. and A. S. Company's line), 2858 tons, Captain P. T. Helms, from Japan and China ports. Passengers—From Shanghai: Miss M. Steele. From Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. D. Maclaren, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Affhusen, Mrs. A. W. Best, Miss Bailey, Mr. Frank Martin. From Port Darwin: Mr. C. G. Jones, Mrs. Dow and 2 children, Masters Beckwith (2). From Thursday Island: Mr. T. H. Foster, Mr. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williams and child, Mr. N. Anderson, Rev. A. Karen, Rev. Boismann, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones. From Townsville: Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs. Craig, Miss Nelson, Mr. J. R. Robinson. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Arawatta, s., 2118 tons, Captain Marcus M. Osborne, from Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Bobart, J. Newman, Sewell, Cummings, Jack, Moore, the Misses Holdsworth, Lowe, Lynam, Messrs. J. Munday, J. A. Elliott, H. E. Martin, H. Maurer, C. and G. Macaulay, Sewell, Cumming, Jack, Kenyon, Hobson, W. S. Kennedy, H. Mellitt, and 64 in the second cabin. Through passengers—Mesdames Phillips, Galbraith, O'Neill, Binstead, the Misses Brissenden (2), Clarke, Messrs. Walkington, J. Shaw, Behan, A. E. Clarke, and nine in the second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Euryalus, s. (Archibald Currie line), 2370 tons, Captain J. Currie, from Calcutta, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Keelman, Miss Danckley, Captain Tickle, Captain Williams, Mr. A. Peterson, Mr. J. Peterson, Mr. Carthing, and 18 in the steerage. Cowlishaw Brothers, agents.

Dewdrop, ketch, 90 tons, Captain Potts, from Lord Howe Island on December 28. Passengers—Mrs. Nichols, Miss Susan Nichols, Miss Ann Nichols, Mr. J. B. Waterhouse, Masters C. Poulton, and J. Lawrence. G. J. Waterhouse, agent.

Gabo, s., 2000 tons, Captain L. A. Leslie, from Brisbane. Passengers—Mesdames Doyle, Brough, and Benson, Misses Broomfield, Woods, Mills, M'Gregor, Cummings, and 7 in the second cabin. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Flinders, s., 948 tons, Captain T. Law Johnston, from Brisbane. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain R. J. Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Strathord, s. (United States and Australian line), 4049 tons, Captain Forsyth, from New York, via ports. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Koonya, s., 832 tons, Captain Livingstone, from Devonport. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Illawarra, s., 522 tons, Captain Garde, from South Coast. Illawarra S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Tambo, s., 732 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, from Melbourne. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited agents.

Time, s., 2575 tons, Captain R. R. Brown, from Geelong. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Buninyong, s., 2070 tons, from Melbourne. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

January 2.

Coomonderry, s., 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from South Coast ports. T. Featherstone and Co., agents.

DEPARTURE.—January 1.

Macquarie, ship, for London.

IMPORTS.—January 1.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Arawatta, s., from Queensland ports: 812 hides and 187 bags hides, 34 casks tallow, 41 cases pines, 85 bales sheepskins, 247 bags tin ore, 1 box (461oz.) gold (value £1732), 3036 sacks raw sugar, 15 bags bones, 5 quarter-casks whisky, 10 cases hams, 647 bales wool, 62 cases preserved meats, 160 kegs oxide zinc, 15 cases mangoes, 3049 bunches bananas, and 120 packages sundries.

Wodonga, s., from Melbourne: 150 cases jam, 99 bars steel, 75 bags salt, 31 casks oil, 265 bags onions, 70 bags horns, 200 boxes fruit, 893 ingots zinc, 60 cases bottles, 250 bags potatoes, 200 cases starch, 750 cases fruit, 70 bags vegetables, 23 pieces slate, 40 packages paint, 160 packages groceries, 25 packages stationery, 40 packages drugs, 20 packages agricultural implements, 181 pieces timber, a quantity of sundries, and through cargo for Queensland ports.

Gabo, s., from Brisbane: 44 casks tallow, 665 bags blood manure, 120 bales wool, 18 cases fruit, 8 bales leather, 100 bags hides, 70 bales wool, 23 bags hides, 86 empty cases, 5 bags oysters, 37 bundles sheepskins, 62 hides, and a quantity of sundries.

Koonya, s., from Devonport: 60 bags peas, 464 bags oats, 16 bags wool, 16 bales wool, 3257 bales straw, 1000 bars copper, and 216 tons ironstone for Newcastle.

Dewdrop, ketch, from Lord Howe Island: 500 bags palm seed, 60 cases palm seed, 89 packages plants, 20 bags onions, 280 bunches bananas, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: January 1, Leura, s., from Sydney; Bullarra, s., from Sydney; Adelaide, s., from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrivals: December 21, Allinga, s., from Sydney; Barcoo, s., from Gladstone.

PORT ALMA.—Departure: January 1, Duke of Devonshire, s., for Brisbane.

CAIRNS.—Departure: December 31, Innamincka, s., for Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY.—Departure: December 31, Jumna, R.M.S., for London.

YAMBA.—Arrival: January 1, Kallatina, s., from Sydney. Departure: City of Grafton, s. Passed: Tomki, north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: January 1, Venture, ketch, from Cape Hawke; Newcastle, s., Linda Webber, schooner, from Sydney. Departure: January 1, Isabelle, schooner, Newcastle, s., for Sydney.

GABO.—Passed: January 1, Barrier s., north, at 5.45 a.m.; Quathlamba, barque, at 8.40 a.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: January 1, Tyrian, s., from Sydney; Glen Olga, s., from Sydney; Australia, R.M.S., from Sydney; Karaweera, s., from Newcastle; Brisbane, s., from Kaipara; Talune, s., from New Zealand; Kawatiri, s., from Strahan; Surrey, s., from New York. Departures: January 1, Gulf of Guinea, s., for Sydney; Gulf of Martaban, s., for Antwerp and Hull.

CAPE OTWAY.—Passed inward: January 1, Moonta, s., at 2.50 p.m., from Newcastle.

CAPE BORDA.—Passed inward: January 1, R.M.S. Ortona, at 2.10 a.m., from London.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: January 1, Ville de la Ciotat, from Marseilles; Effel Tower, s., from Capetown; R.M.S. Ortona, from London; Koonoowarra, s., from Rockhampton. Departure: January 1, Ville de la Ciotat. The intercolonial mails ex Ville de la Ciotat and Ortona left by to-day's express.

PORT PIRIE.—Departure: January 1, Dovedale, s., for Newcastle.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Arrival: January 1, Augusta at 8.43 p.m. Passed: Bullarra at 11.15 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY.—Departure: December 31, Excelsior at 10 p.m.

RICHMOND RIVER.—Arrivals: January 1, Tomki at 11 a.m. Passed: Moresby at 1 p.m., north. 14ft. on bar, 12ft. inside.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: January 1, Kallatina at daylight. Departure: City of Grafton at 6.30 a.m.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: January 1, Excelsior at 8 a.m., south; Adelaide Company's steamer at 10.30 a.m., south; Wollumbin at 2.10 p.m., north.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Arrival: January 1, Excelsior at 9.10 a.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Passed: January 1, City of Grafton at 6.50 p.m., south; Excelsior at 6.50 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Departure: January 1, Kincumber at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: January 1, Kingsley at 7.30 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: January 1, Kincumber at 2.15 p.m., south; St. George at 4 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—January 1, Sir John Franklin at anchor. Passed: Kingsley at 1.40 p.m., south.

BARRANJOEY.—Departures: January 1, Ettie at 10.30 a.m., Violet at 11 a.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: January 1, Albatross at 2 p.m., from Botany. Departure: Bega at 6 p.m., for Eden.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: January 1, Norkoowa at 8.20 a.m., Federal at 1 p.m., Tambo at 3 p.m., Time at 3.15 p.m., Buninyong at 4 p.m., Coomonderry at 5 p.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: January 1, Allowrie at noon, for Sydney.

MORUYA HEADS.—Departures: January 1, Coomonderry at 9 a.m., Murray at 9.20 a.m.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: January 1, Umballa at 4.40 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 1, Barrier at 5.45 a.m., Quathlamba at 8.40 a.m., west; Umballa, at 2.15 p.m., north; steamer, white funnel, black top, at 6.10 p.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: January 1, a sailing vessel at 1.15 a.m., Warrigal at 5.45 a.m. Outward: Kolya at 9.5 a.m.

CAPE OTWAY.—Passed: January 1, Moonta, s., for Newcastle, at 2.50 p.m.

HOBART.—Arrival: December 31, Oonah at 12.6 p.m., from Sydney.

LAUNCESTON.—Arrival: December 31, Pateena at 9.15 a.m., from Melbourne.

STRAHAN.—Departure: December 31, Penguin at 11.20 p.m. for Newcastle.

PORT DARWIN.—Arrival: December 31, Chingtu, from Hongkong.

ALBANY.—Departure: December 31, R.M.S. Austral at 11.15 p.m., for Colombo.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

Arrival: Silver Cloud, brigantine, from Clarence River.

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THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Australia, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Australia (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Talune, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Australia, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Hobart.—Moura, 2 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Changsha, 2 p.m.
British New Guinea, New Britain, and Solomon Islands, from Thursday Island.—Moresby, 2 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Ellingamite, 3 p.m.
Tonga and Samoa, from Auckland.—Manapouri, 3 p.m.
Honolulu, Canada, United States of America, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Miowera, 3.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Miowera (letters addressed to persons on board)—Overland to Brisbane, 3.30 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Marloo, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Manning River.—Coraki, 11 a.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, noon.
Thursday Island, Batavia, and Singapore, from Townsville.—Duke of Argyle, 4.45 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 7 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Observatory, Monday.

Average rainfall for 40 years, 49·502.
Average for 41 years, January 1 to November 30, 47·101.
Rainfall January 1, 1899, to December 31, 55·899.
Barometer.—9 p.m., 30·130.
Temperature.—Maximum, 79·8; minimum, 68·8; 9 p.m., 71·8.
Humidity, 69.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Portland 29·92, Wilson's Promontory 29·93, Gabo Island 29·99, Cape St. George 29·14, Sydney 29·23, Newcastle 29·22, Port Macquarie 29·29, Clarence Heads 29·23.

RAINFALL IN 48 HOURS.

New South Wales.—Light to heavy and scattered in north-eastern districts. Armidale 6 points, Bingara 18, Brewarrina 4, Camden Haven 53, Clarence 416, Canonbar 6, Glen Innes 18, Girilambone 5, Gongolgon 2, Grafton 335, Inverell 10, Katoomba 3, Kempsey 10, Maitland 15, Moree 10, Mount Victoria 4, Mungindi 40, Mogil Mogil 7, Newcastle 10, Penrith 8, Pilliga 5, Port Macquarie 93, Sydney 3, Tabulam 150, Tenterfield 82, Tweed Heads 267, Woolgoolga 14.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy in the N.E.; fine, clear, and warm in other parts.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine, clear, and hot throughout.
Queensland.—Cloudy, more or less generally; threatening to raining on the coast.

TEMPERATURES.

The following are the maximum temperatures on Sunday:—Albury 106, Balranald 111, Bourke 102, Brewarrina 99, Broken Hill 83, Condobolin 102, Cooma 98, Cowra 105, Cudgellico 107, Deniliquin 108, Euston 109, Germanton 104, Hay 102, Hillston 101, Menindie 105, Moruagarell 108, Mount Hope 105, Narrandera 104, Urana 105, Wagga Wagga 106 Wentworth 110, Wyalong 100.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., strong, fine, sea rough; Newcastle, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea slight; Wollongong, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, N., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., strong, hazy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea moderate; Eden, N.E., strong, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N.E., strong, misty, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., moderate gale, hazy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Fine warm weather generally, winds fresh N.E. on the coast, N. inland.—H. C. Russell.

Western Australia.—Cloudy and cool in coastal districts from Geraldton southwards, with rough seas and some showers on the south-west and south coastal districts; elsewhere warm to hot.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 2.

Sun rises at 4.48, sets at 7.10; Moon, 5.30 a.m., 7.20 p.m.; Mercury, 3.22 a.m., 5.35 p.m.; Venus, 6.58 a.m., 8.53 p.m.; Mars, 5.3 a.m., 7.26 p.m.; Jupiter 2.10 a.m., 4.8 p.m.; Saturn, 3.53 a.m., 6.8 p.m.
New moon, 1st; full moon, 16th.
High water at Fort Denison, 8.48 a.m., 9.1 p.m.

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The delay which has arisen in the delivery of transport equipment to the Army Corps now in South Africa is hampering the mobility of the forces under General Sir Redvers Buller and Lord Methuen. Sufficient supplies to enable the corps to march two days away from their bases will not be ready until the middle of January unless obtained in the country through which the corps are moving.

In a leading article the "Times" attacks the War Office for having neglected to provide the army with the most modern artillery.

It is feared that there will be great difficulty in providing transport equipment for the divisions of the army recently ordered to South Africa and also for the volunteers.

The "Daily Mail" declares that the reluctance of Sir Michael Hicks Beach (Chancellor of the Exchequer) to provide money before the declaration of war is responsible for delay in the completion of transport equipments.

Great Britain is manufacturing the necessary waggons for transport equipment in South Africa, having declined to purchase them in America lest she should incur international objections. The newspapers urge that colonial contracts should be placed for the manufacture of waggons.

Resolutions in favour of the Boers have been carried by the New York and Boston City Councils. In the former case there was only one dissentient.

The Indian War Relief Fund now amounts to £12,000. The men of the 3rd Bengal Cavalry, which is a corps of mixed native races, have given a day's pay to the War Relief Fund.

Four hundred Boers, who are camped on Inhlawe and the adjacent hills south of the River Tugela, have been isolated owing to the river being swollen by the rains.

In the bombardment of Ladysmith on Wednesday last Captain A. F. Dalzel of the Devonshire Regiment was killed by a shell, and seven lieutenants who were with him in a mess tent were wounded.

The incident of the seizure of the German steamer Bundesrath in Delagoa Bay by H.M.S. Magicienne on a charge of having contraband of war on board is calmly commented upon in Germany.

The British have reopened the Indwe branch railway, north-east from Sterkstroom, part of which was recently torn up by the Boers.

It is reported that Lieutenant-General Sir G. S. White, in command of the garrison at Ladysmith, directed a sortie against the enemy on Friday. The British force carried the Boer position on one hill at the point of the bayonet, capturing one gun.

The "Times," discussing the recent engagement at Modder River, says that the experience gained there tends to prove that the use of modern weapons is wholly advantageous to defenders, and renders impossible the invasion of a country thus armed, especially one with the geographical situation of England.

Sir Charles Edward Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P. for Central Sheffield, and Colonel-Commandant of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, will command the volunteer infantry force which is being organised by the Lord Mayor of London for service in South Africa.

It is announced that Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, and Japan have adhered to the proposal of Colonel Hay, the United States Secretary of State to maintain the "open door policy" in China.

Ben Haim, an Algerian Jew, and six other men have, in Paris, been found guilty of pillaging on August 30 last. Ben Haim has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and the others to shorter terms.

It has been decided to raise the strength of the Western Australian mounted contingent to 100 men and 125 horses, in accordance with the terms of the Colonial Office that each colony should send at least a unit.

Fifty men were enrolled yesterday for the departing contingent. There were 950 men in camp at Randwick. The number of efficients on the register was 422. Many offers from eligible volunteers for inclusion in the proposed contingent of 500 trained rifle shots are reaching the military authorities from day to day.

Further disturbances occurred at Broken Hill on Saturday night. A large crowd assembled outside the German Club and sang patriotic songs. A few stones were thrown, but no damage resulted.

The initiation of the night trains from Bourke on Friday last was warmly welcomed.

The annual prize meeting of the Western Rifle Association commenced yesterday at Bathurst. Owing to the volunteering for the Transvaal the number of entries was not so large as was anticipated. With the consent of the competitors the first prize in each match was struck out.

Two picnic excursion trains collided yesterday at M'Ivor's Crossing, on the Wallan Wallan line, about four miles from Bendigo. Six persons were more or less severely injured, and a passenger named John Langley died after being taken to the hospital. The recovery of two other injured passengers is considered doubtful.

Three more deaths have occurred at Noumea from bubonic plague, one white and two kanakas having succumbed, making a total of two white victims and 17 kanakas.

A man named William Stanhard was found drowned at Neerkol Creek, near Stanwell, Queensland, yesterday. He attempted to cross the railway bridge, which was under water, and was swept away and drowned.

The intercolonial cricket match, Victoria v. South Australia, was continued yesterday in Melbourne. The Victorians, who batted first, completed their innings for 353 runs. South Australia had compiled 140 runs in their first innings for five wickets when stumps were drawn for the day.

The Newcastle Anniversary Regatta took place yesterday, and proved a great success. About 40,000 people witnessed the races. The Star of Bengal was flagship for the occasion.

Investigations are being directed by Inspector Driscoll, of Maryborough, into the horrible murder of a girl at Eureka, Queensland. No clue to the perpetrator has yet been obtained.

Yesterday, being New Year's Day, was observed as a close holiday by all the commercial houses of the city.

The steamer St. Pierre, on board of which several cases of bubonic plague were reported to exist, is to leave Noumea on the 3rd instant for Sydney.

Major-General French, whose headquarters are at Naauwpoort, and who lately occupied Arundel, reports that the Boer commandoes who were entrenched at Rensburg, eight miles north of Arundel, have retired to Colesberg, fearing that their lines of communication would be cut by the British cavalry.

Mr. Matt Steyn, brother of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, has, with 800 men, quitted the commando in which they were enrolled, telling the President that he was authorised to intervene exclusively in the interests of peace. Mr. Matt Steyn repudiated the action taken by his brother, pointing out the danger the Free Staters ran of having their property confiscated by the British.

Yesterday was observed as a close holiday in commemoration of the New Year. The day was hot, but fine, and all outdoor amusements were well patronised. The Highland Gathering was attended by about 25,000 persons. His Excellency the Governor, the Premier, the Colonial Secretary, and the Minister for Works were present. Patriotic speeches were delivered at the luncheon, and collections were made on the ground on behalf of the widows and orphans of the soldiers of the Highland Brigade killed in South Africa. It is also proposed to devote 25 per cent. of the proceeds of the gathering to the same object.

The annual race meeting of Tattersall's Club was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday at Randwick in the presence of about 12,000 spectators. His Excellency the Governor was present during the afternoon. The principal event—Tattersall's Cup—was won by Vocalist.

The absence of extensive foreign borrowing has been a striking feature in the recovery of the industrial and mercantile conditions of Australasia during the last few years. At the time of the crisis in 1891-3 everyone condemned the colonies for their improvident loan policies. With reason it was shown that the extravagant expenditure of so many millions sterling had contributed to the troubles which came to a head about seven years ago. The construction of public works far beyond requirements on the one hand withdrew labour from more productive enterprise, and on the other it added a weight of debt which became very burdensome when the expenditure ceased. Still more, for a time it unfitted a considerable proportion of the population for the new kind of work required to establish the enterprises of the community on sound bases. But the new channels opened up by private capital are being occupied, having pretty well absorbed all who were thrown out of work in 1893, and who were not thus rendered unfit for it, besides the natural increase in the population and some thousands of immigrants; for, notwithstanding the crisis and the drought, there has never yet been a year in which Australasia did not draw some thousands of people from outside sources.

That the progress of the past two years has been accomplished without the aid of any very considerable amount of foreign capital completely disproves the assertions of some critics who predicted our insolvency—public as well private. It was said that we had no resources adequate to meet our liabilities. Yet here we are in the last year of the century more self-dependent than ever—only seven years from the crisis—after a drought of unprecedented severity, and after suffering from low prices, which added very greatly to our burdens. Last year New South Wales borrowed no money in England, and in 1898 only raised £1,500,000, having in the interim redeemed some portion of its foreign indebtedness. Though within these two years the drought destroyed nearly nine millions of sheep, recovery in its industrial and mercantile conditions was more pronounced than in some earlier years, when there was a larger expenditure of borrowed money. For the explanation of this we have simply to reverse the conditions which led to the trouble. The population which abandoned the natural industries of the country for the public works and higher wages has more fully returned to the development of the true sources of the colony's wealth. The population is now in a larger measure living on its own great natural resources, which are quite ample to give a comfortable livelihood to the industrious of every class who engage in their development. The experience of New South Wales is not exceptional in this respect. A little while ago we showed from a decennial report how New Zealand, from a like policy, had lifted itself from a much worse condition, after thousands of people had departed from its shores. Our difficulties never were so serious as those of our insular neighbour, for there never was a year in which New South Wales had not an increase of population. Nevertheless, we have suffered as well as they from an extravagant public works policy.

The obvious lesson of the trouble induced by heavy borrowing and of the recovery, the result of abstinence from the London money market, ought to force itself on the minds of our public men at the present time. The industries on which the true welfare of the colony is founded have now nothing so much to dread as the politicians who want to get roads, bridges, railways, court-houses, and other constructions for their respective constituencies with the aid of borrowed money. About the worst feature of the extravagant borrowing policy is that it disturbs existing industries. This weakness was foreseen by politicians in the earlier days, and to remedy it they devised a scheme of assisted immigration. Sir Julius Vogel's enterprise was embraced in a joint public works and immigration policy. But, as we have seen, with most unfortunate results. It is to be feared it is not within the power of politicians to so adjust the amount and character of the immigration to the works provided for by loan expenditure as to prevent the evils which arose in New Zealand when the immigrants left its shores after the public outlay. With so many varied interests to warp the judgment and control the action of the Legislature a minimum rather than a maximum of public works expenditure is found to contribute most to the well-being of the country. Those who look to the Government for public works or for employment require to be closely watched. The influences they exert become a peril to themselves and to everybody else.

At the present time, particularly with capital so dear as it is in the monetary centres of the world, the importance of the self-dependent policy under which we have thriven so well during the last few years cannot be gainsaid. To return at this stage to any borrowing, however moderate, can only be attended with most unfortunate results. There can be no such necessity for public works as to require application to the money markets for loans at a price 70 per cent. beyond what may be regarded as the normal figure. Under the compulsion of national necessities, Great Britain has had to borrow money on Treasury bills at 4½ per cent., which is about 62 per cent. more than the price it pays on its consols. And it seems probable she may have to pay still more for further loans. But fortunately no such obligation compels the Government of New South Wales to borrow money probably at 4½ or 5 per cent., when its normal rate of credit is about 3 per cent., though money on long dated stock could not now be obtained at that figure. The public works requirements of New South Wales are not so pressing that money should be raised even temporarily at a price 70 per cent., or two-thirds, greater than ought to be paid. The material interests of the colony are thriving under the stimulus of money directed by private enterprise, and they can only be prejudiced by the diversion of employment, of which we lately heard of some instances, into the construction of public works, at arbitrarily fixed wages, provided at unduly high rates of interest by capital from foreign money markets.

A cablegram informed us recently that the London School Board had declined by a large majority to undertake the feeding as well as the teaching of children. For over ten years now this matter has been under the consideration of the board, and advanced members have urged that, as it is the admitted duty of the State to provide a system of free and compulsory education, so it should be the duty of the State to see that the children taught in its schools are amply supplied with food. They argue that it is cruel to attempt to teach a hungry child, and that it is mere waste of money to try to inform the mind when the body is not properly nourished. The strength of this position will be freely acknowledged. There is no Mr. Wackford Squeers now amongst educationalists, and everybody admits that mental work, as exhausting in its way as physical toil, cannot be well done when the body is without its fitting nourishment. The "low living and high thinking" theory is particularly inapplicable to growing children. But it by no means follows from this that it is the State which should supply the necessary food. The State does a great deal for children when it provides a sound education, for which, when circumstances demand, no charge is made. It should not be asked to go further and provide food for the children, any more than it should equip each of them with so many dresses and suits of clothes every year.

The proper persons to see that the children attending the State schools are fed are, of course, their parents. Already parents have been relieved of much of their responsibility in regard to their children's education. They are obliged, whether they like it or not, to send them to school, and it is not too much to ask that they should see to it that their children are properly fed. Australian parents would certainly fail to appreciate any attempt on the part of the State to regularly pauperise their children. They take a pride in the State schools system and, for the more part, appreciate very highly the advantages which it confers on the rising generation—especially, perhaps, if similar advantages were denied to themselves in their early days. So far are they from desiring that their children should be fed at the expense of the ratepayers that they are loth, even when hard pressed by adverse circumstances, to avail themselves of the clause of the Act which provides for free education. There is, however, a large class of parents in England—in the rural districts as well as in the centres of population—which is unable to nourish its children properly. So far as the parents are concerned, these poor little mites would have to attend school without breakfast or dinner all through the bitter cold; and it is not surprising that their wretched condition should excite the pity of those concerned in the management of the State schools. In these cases the parents are unable to discharge their responsibility, and, as the children cannot be allowed to suffer, the question is, Who is to take up the burden? The majority of the Board says that existing private charities adequately perform the duty. These might be improved so far as their management is concerned, so as to have an organised system, working in unison with the Board. Expense and overlapping of effort might be saved by the adoption of such a system, which would entail no expenditure of public money, whilst it would concentrate and encourage beneficial voluntary effort.

The minority of the Board proposed the appointment of a committee under the name of the Underfed Children Committee, which, besides co-operating directly with all voluntary agencies, should utilise the Board's resources in assisting the work, and should provide rooms for the meals. Every child who came in in the morning and said he was underfed should straightway be provided with food, and that whether he was a paying or a non-paying pupil. It does not need a very intimate acquaintance with children and their appetites, and their willingness to engage in any variation from school work, for one to prophesy that the number of children who professed themselves underfed would be very nearly as great as the number of children in the school. Further, it is reasonable enough to assume that the introduction of free meals, besides having a pauperising effect on the children, would gradually undermine the independence of parents. Those of them who are now able and willing to fulfil their duty to their children would be led by easy grades to believe that, if the State provides food for some of the children who attend the schools, it might as well provide food for all. And, again, persons who now willingly subscribe money to the support of organisations which have as their object the helping of indigent parents to feed their children would relax their efforts and close up their purses so soon as it was seen that the work had been taken in hand by a public body. Private charity has a way of drying up when once it is systematically supplemented by grants from public funds. Possibly much of the danger of the proposal would be obviated if people would only understand thoroughly that the State is not an incorporate body possessing large revenues in its own right and free to expend them at will. The State is the body of ratepayers and taxpayers, and the only money it possesses is the money derived from rates and taxes. Thus the ladies and gentlemen of the London School Board who are in favour of giving free breakfasts and dinners to the children attending the schools affect to regard with indifference the £200,000 a year which the innovation would mean. But this £200,000 a year would not come from the pockets of the philanthropic ladies and gentlemen aforesaid. It would be paid by the ratepayers, who are heavily enough taxed at present, and who in many cases could ill afford to pay the extra 1½d in the pound which the £200,000 would mean. The London School Board, after all, was appointed to look after the education of children; it was in no way contemplated that it should also assume their guardianship. Fortunately for us there has been no necessity for raising the question in Australia, where parents accept their responsibilities gladly and proudly. If ever it should be raised, the good sense of the community will exclaim against the pauperisation of the children and the killing of parental responsibility.

The decisive events now said to be pending in Natal and in the neighbourhood of the Modder River will undoubtedly have a great influence on the future of the war, but our news this morning appears to suggest that there are serious difficulties in the way. The forces of both generals, Buller and Methuen, are crippled and their mobility is held in serious check by their inability to command supplies sufficient for a movement from their respective bases. It will be the middle of the present month before the waggons and mules for the first Army Corps arrive, and they will only ensure two days' supplies. This is a grave matter, and one which, it is to be feared, must be taken as illustrating by another instance the unreadiness of the War Office to deal with a situation like the present. It will be seen by our cable of this morning also that the "Times" is attacking the authorities for their now obvious neglect in the matter of modern armament and guns. Had it not been that we were able to fall back on the naval guns, the position in South Africa would have been more serious than it is. But as regards the means of transport we have no immediate substitute for the waggons and mules required, and it is curious in this connection as an illustration of the increasing delicacy of the situation that Great Britain has been obliged to decline American assistance, lest pretext might thereby be given for international intervention. The United States have offered a hospital ship and other non-combatant aids, and the offer was accepted, but the whole situation has developed since then. England finds it advisable to build her transport waggons herself; but it is interesting to ourselves to learn that the newspapers are urging the acceptance of colonial assistance in this respect.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—His Excellency the Governor came to Sydney early yesterday morning. Lord Beauchamp attended the races, and had luncheon there, and during the day he was also present at the Highland Sports. His Excellency returned to Moss Vale by the evening train.

THE EARLY CLOSING ACT.—The Early Closing Act came into force yesterday, but, owing to it being New Year's Day and a public holiday, the shops in the city and suburbs remained unopened. The fact of a public holiday occurring in any week does not do away with the necessity of shops being closed for the half day on either the Wednesday or the Saturday as usual. When the two fall on the same day it will not, however, be necessary for the shopkeeper to give another half-holiday to satisfy the requirements of the Act. No business can be done excepting in establishments which come within the exempted list after 6 o'clock this evening. It is not, it may be stated, the intention of the authorities to administer the Act harshly at first, and every latitude will be allowed to those who are bound to be ignorant of the requirements of the law. In a little time, however, it is hoped that everything will be in proper working order.

NAVAL NEWS.—Yesterday H.M.S. cruiser Mildura was taken outside for a steam trial. She went out at 10 a.m., and returned four hours later. Everything was found to be in satisfactory order, and the ship again made fast at her moorings. There has just been launched at Clydebank one of two armed cruisers of the Cressy class, the Sutlej, for the Admiralty. The new cruiser is 440ft. long, 69ft. 6in. broad, with a displacement of 12,000 tons. The speed of the Sutlej is 21 knots, with 21,000 horse-power and 160 revolutions. There are 30 Belleville boilers, fitted with economisers, and the working pressure is 300lb. per square inch, reduced to 250 at the engines.

QUEENSLAND GOLD.—The steamer Arawatta, which yesterday arrived from Queensland, brought a box of gold weighing 461oz. and valued at £1732.

THE WEATHER.—A little rain, some 27 points, fell yesterday at Bourke in a thunderstorm. With that exception and a few showers on the northern coast, the heat predominated throughout the colony. At Sydney the weather was intensely muggy in a temperature of but 80° in the shade, while inland the heat rose to over 100° at many of the stations. Owing to the holiday, very few telegrams came through. Of these were Albury, 109·5 in the shade; Broken Hill, 107°; Deniliquin, 107°; Dubbo, 105°; Wagga, 105·3; Wentworth, 107°; Wilcannia, 101°. Further heat is expected. The rainfall for the year just past was at Sydney within a few points of 56 inches, which is considerably in excess of an annual average taking a period of 40 years back.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.—Yesterday the Ortona, the new Orient liner, a description of which appeared recently in the "Herald," arrived at Adelaide from London upon her maiden voyage to Sydney. The English mails were landed at Adelaide, and will arrive here to-morrow. The French liner, Ville de la Ciotat, arrived at Adelaide yesterday from Marseilles, and landed her mails for the Eastern colonies. They also will reach Sydney to-morrow. The Austral, hence to London, left Albany at 11.15 p.m. on Sunday for Colombo.

A STORMY VOYAGE.—The Eastern and Australian Company's new steamer Australian, which arrived from China yesterday, reports being caught in a cyclone off Townsville last week. She had previously been sailing in summer seas, her many tourist passengers enjoying the trip immensely; but on leaving Townsville one of those tropical storms which now and then set in on the Queensland coast came along, and, powerful 3000-ton steamer though she be, the Australian had to run for shelter. In the ordinary course of affairs it was fixed for her arrival here to take place last Saturday, but two days spent battling with the elements and taking shelter delayed her until yesterday. Rarely has such an experience happened in the case of the Australian. Everything was battened down throughout the tempest, tremendous seas breaking on board. After such an experience a good many of the Australian's passengers determined to disembark at Brisbane and come overland by rail.

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF BIRDS.—On board the steamer Australian there arrived yesterday on their way to London one of the largest shipments of Australian birds which has arrived here for many a day. There are 400 dozen in cages of all shapes and all sizes, and the assortment comprises some of the most beautifully coloured specimens of the native feathered tribe. The shipment is in charge of the owner, who states that the birds were caught with nets in the Northern Territory principally. Many are from the vicinity of Kimberley, others from the Port Darwin district, and from the Gulf of Carpentaria. The plumage of nearly all the birds is very gay, and the whole shipment one of the prettiest ever seen here.

FATAL TRAM ACCIDENT.—An inquest was held yesterday concerning the death of a woman named Mary Spero, 40 years old, who was knocked down by a George-street tram near Hay-street on Saturday night, and died a few hours after her admission to the Sydney Hospital. Evidence was given that deceased attempted to cross the street in front of the car, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

FOUND DEAD.—The dead body of an unknown man was found yesterday morning in a gully in the bush about one mile from the Lane Cove-road, Pymble. It appears that about 10.45 a.m. Mr. John A. Smith, of Maitland House, Adolphus-street, Balmain, was in the vicinity indicated when he came across the dead body of a man in a kneeling position, with his head resting against a tree and a piece of clothes' line fastened round the neck. There was another piece of the same line hanging from a limb of a tree, to which it was securely fastened. There were no indications of any struggle. Close to the body was a swag and billycan. In the swag was a pocket-book in which was a temperance pledge card, bearing the name of James Johnson, and dated September 12, 1893. There was also a receipt for the registration of a dog, made out in the name of L. Long. The remaining contents of the swag were a tent, a pair of white blankets with blue stripes, and a pair of blue and grey trousers. The body was dressed in a blue serge coat and vest, black serge pants, lace-up boots, a new soft black felt hat, and grey woollen socks. The body was removed by the police to the Circular Quay Morgue, where it lies awaiting identification.

A combined excursion to the Hawkesbury River, by rail, connecting with the steamer General Gordon, takes place to-morrow (Wednesday), when the train will leave Sydney at 9 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m., and the steamer will be in waiting to take passengers for a trip of about five hours on the river.

The attention of horseowners is directed to an announcement in our advertising columns. Major Thompson, of the 7th Dragoon Guards, offers immediate purchase of broken-in horses for the use of the army in South Africa. Hundreds of horses in every-day use in the colony eminently adapted to last the campaign are appealed for. Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, are Major Thompson's Sydney agents. Full particulars will be found on reference to the advertisement.

A young man named Reginald Brierly, while bathing in the Manly Lagoon yesterday, dived from the rail of a foot-bridge and struck the ground in shallow water. He sustained injuries to the spine, and was removed to the Manly Hospital for treatment.

The following is the report of the Thomas Walker Convalescent Hospital for the month of December:—Patients in the hospital on November 30 last, 32 males, 40 females, total 72; since admitted from the hospitals, 20 males, 18 females, total 38; since admitted from the general public, 12 males, 25 females, total 37; discharged, 35 males, 43 females, total 78; remaining in the hospital on December 30, 29 males, 40 females, total 69.

WRECK OF THE SCHOONER ECLIPSE.

CHIEF OFFICER DROWNED.

MACKAY, Monday.

The steamer Franklin arrived from Flattop to-day, bringing the captain and three of the crew of the wrecked schooner Eclipse. The schooner was wrecked at Pine Island, where, with help from the lighthouse-keeper, all were landed except the mate, who was lost. The captain and two of the crew boarded the Barcoo at Flattop; one proceeded by the Franklin, and one remained at Pine Island.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN MELBOURNE.

A DISTRESSING HEAT WAVE.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Holiday-making to-day required an effort, for the heat wave which made its presence known on Saturday and Sunday was again unpleasantly in evidence. A hot night was succeeded by an intensely hot day, the shade reading at the Observatory registering up to 104·8, and in the sun up to 155·4 was recorded. Reports from the country show that heat of a greater intensity everywhere was experienced. The races at Flemington and the intercolonial cricket match attracted a fair number of holiday-makers, but the great bulk of the people made their way to the seaside, in the hope of escaping the all-pervading heat.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AT BULLI.

CARDINAL MORAN ON THE CENTURY'S PROGRESS.

BULLI, Monday.

Cardinal Moran laid the foundation-stone of a new Catholic church this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. The Rev. Dr. O'Haran, secretary, and the Rev. Fathers Haydon (Albion Park) and Dunne (Bulli) were in attendance.

Cardinal Moran, after laying the stone, addressed the gathering, eulogising Father Dunne for what had been accomplished. The closing year of the century would be one of the most momentous in the history of the world. It was amazing to look back 100 years. Electricity and steam had revolutionised the world. Let them study the facilities they had for communication with the Old World as compared with those at the close of the last century. Now the voyage was counted by days; before it was one of months; while the electric wires brought them the news in a few hours. Some would say they were happier 100 years ago, notwithstanding that they could not close their eyes to the marvellous progress in a material way the century had seen. What progress, too, had been witnessed in the press! A century ago the paper of that day was neither in get up nor matter agreeable to look at, but the progress of the press in this century told them of the greater enlightenment of the people. The newspapers were the servants of the public, and brought the current facts of daily life to the public, and sustained and helped the maintenance of the people's independence. What changes, too, were to be noted in Europe and America! 100 years ago Canada was a struggling and divided community, or series of communities. Now it was welded into one grand dominion, respected throughout the world for its power and strength. Again, in the United States from 3,000,000 a magnificent and independent people of 80,000,000 had arisen. But it was in Africa that the change was most witnessed. He did not know of any greater work than the pacification of Egypt, which after 2000 years was beginning to give promise of becoming a great centre of commerce, and at no distant day of being a distinct aid to the enlightenment of other civilised countries. To show the great hold Europe had upon Africa, England had 2,500,000 square miles, Portugal 900,000 square miles, Germany 900,000, and France 3,000,000 square miles. But in no other land was the change so marked as in this continent of Australia. They had, indeed, come from darkness to light. They saw New South Wales and the other colonies, who in their energy and independence had formed themselves into other centres, and now after all that local energy and industry had accomplished they saw these States gathering together once again under one constitution, one great commonwealth. By her united strength Australia would accomplish great things, and would fulfil the grand destiny which awaited her. (Loud applause.)

The sums of money laid on the stone totalled £350, which with promises and money in hand gives over £500 to commence building.

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. TASMANIA.

HOBART, Monday.

The cricket match was continued to-day. The following are the scores:—

TASMANIA.

First Innings 420
Second Innings, no wickets for .. 2

NEW SOUTH WALES.

First Innings 448

TO-DAY.

Town Hall, Paddington: Entertainment in aid of N.S.W. Patriotic Fund, To-night.
Organ Recital: Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Rosebery Park Races: First race, 2.30 p.m.
Commonwealth Fair: Last night, St. Francis' Hall, Haymarket.
Her Majesty's Theatre: Pantomime, "Little Red Riding Hood," 7.30 p.m.
Opera House: Boer War, 7.45 p.m.
Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street: Chas. Faning's Minstrel Burlesque Company, 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The Power and the Glory," 7.45 p.m.
Palace Theatre: 7.50 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Only Way," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "The Transvaal," 8 p.m.
Cyclorama: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ventilating Fans, Cables, Wires, Lamps, Electric Sundries. Penbose, general electrician, 119 Pitt-street.—Advt.

WAR.—Experts in Military Saddles, Belts, Wallets, Leggings. We hold a contract for military supplies. Officers should call on us at once. C. H. WALTHER and CO., Saddlers, 24a Hunter-st.—Advt.

LATE EDITION.

HERALD OFFICE, 7 a.m.

THE WAR.

MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH'S OPERATIONS.

THE BOERS OUT-MANŒUVRED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

During the operations carried on by Major-General French north of Arundel, he succeeded, by the mobility of his force, in out-manœuvring the Boers at every point.

The Boers were compelled to abandon position after position up to Colesberg, and were forced to vacate Rensburg.

A strong force of British artillery and cavalry harrassed the enemy whilst in retreat.

FORTIFICATIONS NEAR LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

It is stated that the Boers have constructed fresh fortifications at many points between Colenso and Springfield.

COLONIAL TROOPS TO WEAR HELMETS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Owing to the fact that the colonial troops were mistaken for the enemy at Arundel, an order has been issued that they shall wear helmets instead of hats.

6.30 a.m.

EUROPEAN OFFICERS ASSISTING THE BOERS.

SUPPLIES OF ARTILLERY RECEIVED.

PORTUGUESE CORRUPTION.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Numbers of European officers are reported to be arriving every week at Delagoa Bay, and proceed thence to Pretoria to assist the Boers in the campaign.

Two large Armstrong guns and 16 ammunition carts were lately received at Pretoria, via Delagoa Bay.

To avoid seizure by the Customs authorities, the guns were manifested as agricultural implements.

Complaints have been made of the corruption of Portuguese officials.

THE ENEMY BEFORE LADYSMITH.

FACETIOUS MESSAGES TO THE GARRISON.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

At Christmas time the Boers varied the order of the seige at Ladysmith by firing into the town unloaded shells containing plum pudding and messages wishing the British the compliments of the season.

SEIGE TRAIN FOR THE FRONT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The last portion of the seige train intended for the reinforcement of General Sir Redvers Buller's command in Natal has left Capetown for the front.

ENGAGEMENT NEAR DORDRECHT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

A body of British cavalry, sent out for reconnoitring purposes, met and engaged the enemy north of Dordrecht. After six hours' fighting the Boers received reinforcements of artillery, and the British retired.

VICTORIA.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Near Wallan this morning two picnic excursion trains collided. It is reported that six persons were more or less severely injured. A telegram received by the Traffic Manager of Railways reports that the accident occurred at M'Ivor Crossing, on the Wallan Wallan line, about four miles from Bendigo. An excursion race train bound for Axedale races left Bendigo station at 9.30 a.m., and at M'Ivor-road ran into a furniture van filled with picnickers, which was crossing the line. As the train reached the spot there was a scene of much confusion, women screaming and fainting. Being holiday time, and telegraph offices being mostly closed, it was difficult to obtain exact information. This afternoon, so far as was reported, the engine killed both horses of the van, but none of the occupants. Four of the latter were badly injured, and two or three others were less severely hurt. The injured people having been put into the train, it returned to Bendigo, where they were taken to the hospital.

The following are the later advices:—John Langley, one of the passengers in the van, head crushed, and expired after being taken to hospital; Benjamin Burston, arm broken, and amputated; Blanche Hoskins, concussion of the brain, and is now in a low state; Morris Fogarty, severe wound in face; Frederick Nitcherley, injury to left arm. The recovery of Burston and Blanche Hoskins is considered doubtful.

At a late hour to-night news was received from Bendigo that Benjamin Burston, who was terribly injured in the railway accident this morning, had succumbed to his injuries. He had a compound fracture of the right elbow joint and his lower arm was so badly torn that it had to be amputated above the elbow. Miss Blanche Hoskins, who was suffering from a compound depressed fracture of the top of the skull and concussion of the brain, is in a critical condition. The doctors performed the operation of trepanning the skull, and found that there had been laceration of the brain. Wickeby, who had his left arm broken, is otherwise unhurt. Fogarty's lower jaw was found to be badly fractured.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNORSHIP.

In connection with the statement in London that the Marquis of Lorne is spoken of as the first Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, Sir George Turner, when Premier, some months ago wrote through the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies pointing out that the Federal Parliament was to sit in Melbourne and offering Government House for the use of the Governor-General and his suite.

The Premier of Queensland has advised Mr. M'Lean that a conference of Secretaries of Agriculture will be held in Brisbane on the 10th instant to deal with the tick question, asking Victoria to be represented. Mr. M'Lean says he has no objection to the colony being represented, but he is not in favour of relaxing the conditions imposed to prevent the spread of the tick pest.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

AUSTRALIAN RECIPIENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The list of New Year's honours were published in the "London Gazette" today. They are as follows:—

PEERAGES.

The Hon. Sir Henry Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P., to be a Peer.

The Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., to be a Peer.

PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

Lord Cromer, Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, to be a Privy Councillor.

KNIGHTS.

Mr. Justice J. S. Dodds, of Tasmania, and Mr. Malcolm M'Eacharn, Mayor of Melbourne, to be Knights Bachelor (Kt.)

G.C.M.G.

Sir John Bramston, K.C.M.G., for many years Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Right Hon. Sir Joseph West Ridgeway, K.C.B. (Governor of Ceylon), to be Knights Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

K.C.M.G.

Sir James George Lee-Steere (Speaker of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly), Dr. Cockburn (Agent-General for South Australia), Mr. C. N. E. Eliot, C.B. (who acted as British High Commissioner in Samoa in the settlement of the island war), to be Knights Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

C.M.G.

Captain Leslie C. Stuart, of H.M.S. Tauranga, and Captain F. C. D. Sturdee, late of H.M.S. Porpoise, who were present in the war in Samoa, to be Companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

THE FAR EAST.

OPEN DOOR POLICY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

It is announced that Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, and Japan have adhered to the proposal of Colonel Hay, the United States Secretary of State, to maintain the policy of the "open door" in China.

FRANCE.

CHARGES OF PILLAGE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

In Paris Ben Haim, an Algerian Jew, and six other men have been found guilty of pillaging on August 30 last, and have been sentenced, Ben Haim to five years imprisonment, and the others to shorter terms.

THE ARMY IN GREECE.

RE-ORGANISATION BY GERMAN OFFICERS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The Government of Greece intends to employ German officers to re-organise its army.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Messrs. Hudson Bros., provision merchants, of Ludgate Hill, were yesterday fined 10 guineas, with 20 guineas costs, for having used boracic acid as a preservative in clotted cream.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The quarterly revenue returns of Great Britain have been published. They show the total revenue for the October-December quarter to have been £29,586,458. Of this Customs contributed £6,177,771, excise £10,802,000, stamps £2,200,000.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The death is announced of Sir James Paget, Bart., F.R.S., ex-president of the Royal College of Surgeons, in his 86th year.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3 3-16d per ounce standard.

NEW ZEALAND.

MURDER IN SOUTH DUNEDIN.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

A murder occurred in South Dunedin on New Year's morning. A man informed the police that his wife had been murdered by some unknown man who broke into the bedroom. The police discredited the man's story, arrested him, and charged him with wife-murder. The woman's head was shockingly knocked about.

Monsignor M'Donald, the well-known Auckland priest, died suddenly to-day.

TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON, Monday.

At the Caledonian Society's Sports W. A. Skinner, of Victoria, won the musical contest; Campbell Rennie annexed the prize for the best Highland costume; J. A. Cochrane won the half mile, two miles, and one mile bicycle races, starting from scratch in each.

The thermometer reading in the shade was 98·—the record for some years.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN NEW CALEDONIA.

NOUMEA, Monday.

Three more deaths have occurred from bubonic plague, one white and two kanakas having succumbed. This makes two white victims and 17 kanakas. One fresh case has occurred during the last three days.

The steamer Saint Pierre, which was previously reported as having arrived from the coast, and on board of which were several victims of the plague, was duly quarantined at this port upon arrival. It is stated that the steamer will leave here on the 3rd instant for Sydney.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB.

PERTH, Monday.

Perth Cup of 750 sovs., second horse 200 sovs., and third 50 sovs. from the stake. 2 miles.

C. Roberts's ch h Carbineer, 4 years, 8st 8lb (Lunegar) ... 1
G. Bolger's Euglo, 7st 11lb (Strickland) ... 2
M. Locke's Islamite, 7st 9lb (Trewartha) ... 3

Other starters: Mural, Lucky Dog, Ormus, First Mate, Yale Lock, Gunbearer, Willie, Black Rock, Waruri, Limber, Tofa, Brayleigh, Gondolier, Gossaira, Reproach, Loch Dee.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

DELAY OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS.

AFFECTING BRITISH MOBILITY.

A TEMPORARY DEVICE.

DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING FURTHER TRANSPORT.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER BLAMED.

CONSTRUCTION OF WAGGONS.

COLONIAL CONTRACTS URGED.

INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

ENEMY WITHDRAW TO COLESBERG.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The great delay which has arisen in the delivery of the transport equipments of the First Army Corps now in South Africa is hampering the mobility of the forces commanded by General Sir Redvers Buller in Natal, and the forces of Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen at the Modder River.

Sufficient waggons and mules to furnish the First Army Corps with supplies to enable it to march two days away from its base will only be ready by the middle of January.

The equipment of the second line is at present being used to furnish the First Army Corps with transport.

Supplies for a three days' march from the base cannot be provided with the present equipment unless a portion is obtained in the country in which the troops are moving.

It is feared there will be great difficulty in providing for the transport equipment of the latest divisions of the Army Corps which have been ordered to South Africa, and for the volunteers.

The "Daily Mail" declares that the reluctance of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to provide money before the declaration of war is responsible for the delay.

Great Britain declines to purchase waggons from American firms, fearing that international objections might be raised.

The waggons, it has been decided, shall be made in Great Britain.

The newspapers urge that contracts for the construction of waggons should be given to colonial firms.

SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.

A SUCCESSFUL SORTIE.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

It is reported that Lieutenant-General Sir G. S. White, in command of the garrison at Ladysmith, directed a sortie against the enemy on Friday.

The British force carried the Boer position on one hill at the point of the bayonet, and captured a gun.

AN OFFICER KILLED AND OTHERS WOUNDED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

In the bombardment of Ladysmith on Wednesday last a shell killed Captain A. F. Dalzel, of the Devonshire Regiment, and wounded seven lieutenants who were in a mess tent.

FOUR HUNDRED BOERS ISOLATED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Owing to the river Tugela having been swollen by the rains 400 Boers, who are on Inhlawe and adjacent hills south of the river, have been isolated.

MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH'S COMMAND.

BOERS WITHDRAW TO COLESBERG.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Major-General French, whose headquarters are at Naauw Poort, and who lately occupied Arundel, reports that the Boer commandoes, which were entrenched at Rensburg, eight miles north of the latter town, fearing that their lines of communication would be cut by the British cavalry, have withdrawn to Colesberg.

INDWE RAILWAY REOPENED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Indwe branch railway, north-east from Sterkstroom, part of which was recently torn up by the Boers, has been reopened by the British authorities, Dordrecht having been reoccupied.

THE SEIZURE OF THE BUNDESRATH.

CALM COMMENT IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The incident of the seizure of the German steamer Bundesrath in Delagoa Bay by H.M.S. Magicienne, on a charge of having on board contrabrand of war, is calmly commented upon in Germany.

PRESIDENT STEYN AND HIS BROTHER DISAGREE.

DANGER OF CONFISCATION.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mr. Matt Steyn, brother of President Steyn of the Orange Free State, with 800 men quitted the commando in which they were enrolled, and told the President that he was authorised to intervene exclusively in the interests of peace.

Mr. Matt Steyn repudiated the action which his brother had taken, and in doing so urged the danger of the confiscation of their property by Great Britain.

AMERICAN SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The New York and Boston City Councils have carried resolutions in favour of the Boers, there being in the case of the former one dissentient.

A VICTORIAN OFFICER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Lieutenant Colquhoun, of the Victorian Defence Force, has gone to Modder River to join the British division under Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen.

THE INDIAN WAR FUND.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The Indian War Relief Fund now amounts to £12,000.

The men of the 3rd Bengal Cavalry, a corps of mixed native races, have donated a day's pay to the War Relief Fund.

BOER REFUSAL OF AN AMBULANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The offer of Sir James Sievewright, a member of the late Cape Ministry, to raise and equip an ambulance corps to succour wounded Boer soldiers has been rejected by President Kruger. The latter, in declining the offer without thanks, explained that he could not accept gifts from the enemy.

THE "TIMES" ON MODERN WEAPONS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The "Times," in discussing the recent engagement at Modder River, says that the experience gained there goes to prove that the use of modern weapons is wholly of advantage to defenders. The invasion of a country thus armed, especially one geographically situated as is England, would be impossible.

THE LORD MAYOR'S INFANTRY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Sir Charles Edward Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P. for Central Sheffield, and Colonel-Commandant of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, will command the Volunteer Infantry Force, now being organised by the Lord Mayor of London for service in South Africa.

GENEROUS GIFTS TO THE ARMY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

A complete field hospital has been given to the troops in South Africa by an anonymous donor.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. Allen, 4th West Riding of Yorkshire Volunteer Artillery, and Lieutenant-Colonel P. Watts, 1st Northumberland Volunteer Artillery, have each given a splendid battery for service in South Africa.

MODERN ARTILLERY FOR THE ARMY.

THE WAR OFFICE ATTACKED.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The "Times," in a leading article this morning, attacks the War Office for having neglected to provide the army with the most modern artillery.

TAXING THE GOLD MINES.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

The Transvaal Government is increasing its taxes on the gold mines of the country. It proposes to place an impost of 30 per cent. on the output of the mines which are still being worked by the owners, and 30 per cent. on the probable output of the mines which have suspended working.

THE SITUATION.

THE LACK OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

The most noteworthy feature of to-day's war news is the serious extent to which the British operations in South Africa are hampered by reason of the lack of land transport facilities. Throughout the whole campaign the Boers have had an important advantage in respect to the mobility of their forces. Great Britain with a numerically inferior force in North-western Cape Colony and in Natal undertook to defend essential strategic points and localities of commercial importance at all hazards. The Transvaalers and Free Staters were practically free agents. The distinguishing feature of their army is its mobility, and whether they provisioned themselves by loot or otherwise was not a consideration likely to delay their progress. The Imperial troops are in a different position. Having so far defended the localities which according to the original plan of campaign were regarded as essential, they have to advance through territory already traversed by the enemy and take supplies with them. Although all this might well have been foreseen (if the home Government when the trouble arose meditated war) it transpires now that proper arrangements have not been made. It will be the middle of January before the First Army Corps—about half the force which is to be engaged in the war—can be furnished with two days' supplies from the base of operations by means of a regular service. The War Office has to depend upon local resources for a second line of equipment by which the Army Corps can get a three-days' supply, and it is anticipated that the later divisions of the Second Army Corps and the volunteers who are to arrive at the seat of war will be still more difficult to provision.

Some of the Continental papers pointed out that England's unpreparedness at the beginning of the war was evidence that she did not desire such a crisis to arrive—that the home Government placed too large an amount of confidence in the potency of peaceful negotiation. If this were not the case, at least past experience has amply demonstrated the indispensableness of effective land transports for the carrying on of even the smallest war. Before Sebastopol the British troops lacked necessities which lay unbulked on the marine transports, comparatively a short distance away. Hardly a war has yet occurred which has not shown forcibly how proper land transports are a sine qua non to successful military operations. The Imperial Chancellor of the Exchequer is attacked by a section of the press for not taking proper precautions. One journal declares that he was reluctant to grant money for the procuring of the transports. The construction of the necessary waggons lies with British workshops, for resort cannot be made to the great carriage-building capabilities of the United States lest on the same principle continental nations might claim the right to forward supplies to the Boers. There is of course in Australia great scope for coach-building. There is hardly a country town of importance that has not some form of factory capable of turning out just the description of waggons likely to prove most serviceable in rough country. There is an abundance of the finest material, but if, as is now advocated by the English press, colonial contracts for waggons are at this late hour entered into, the progress of events in South Africa cannot thereby be hastened for some time to come. If the men whom Lord Roberts commands had now to rely upon the execution of such contracts before a decisive move could be made, the result would be serious to contemplate. It is to be hoped that the news to-day can be interpreted as meaning that, whilst the need of transport facilities hampers the British military operations, it does not prevent them from averting an untoward development of the war.

THE POSITION OF THE FREE STATE.

From time to time evidences have been supplied of the lack of unanimity on the part of the Free Staters in regard to the war. Only after very long and secret sessions did the Volksraad of the State support President Steyn in the attitude he assumed before hostilities broke out. There is an alliance between the Transvaal and the Free State which caused the former to look with confidence for support to the sister State. But beyond this President Steyn threw in all the weight of his influence in favour of co-operating with the Republic, and as soon as he succeeded in obtaining the constitutional endorsement of the Volksraad for his exteme action, he issued a violent tirade against Great Britain, and put the forces of the State at the disposal of the Transvaal generals. The President's brother, it is now reported, has repudiated this policy. Free Staters have already annexed British territory. They have hoisted the Dutch flag upon every point in close proximity to their territory to which British troops could not be sent. And this has so far been done with declarations that the Boers must inevitably win, and that they would not yield, even if they had to retreat for final protection to the fastnesses and caves of the Zoutpansberg. The example of annexation has certainly been extensively furnished to the British; but the wisdom of the policy can only be properly tested in the event of Great Britain attempting to follow the example. Writers in Cape Colony have on more than one occasion asserted that the Boers would attempt to make a diplomatic retreat if matters turned out awkwardly for them. President Steyn's brother, however, does not appear to be a prominent figure in South African affairs, and although he may have some reason to protest against the policy of the State, the news which is publish to-day can only be chronicled as an interesting incident of the war. The likelihood of confiscation by Great Britain is the reason for this apparent defection. Confiscation of farms—presumably those of disloyal British subjects—seems to the President's brother to be a danger that will follow a hopeless war and an absurd policy of annexation.

THE BOERS IN NATAL.

Having strengthened their position near Ladysmith the Boers have found sufficient men to extend themselves both to the east and west of Colenso, south of the Tugela River. The cablegrams published to-day state that 400 of the enemy have taken up a position on Inhlawe Hill, which is south of the Tugela and east of Colenso. A day or two ago we were informed that they had extended their position right out westward as far as Springfield, 20,000 men being distributed over the intervening territory. The war map shows in the light of this information that General Joubert has seized every point from which the British advance to Ladysmith, except one by a most circuitous route, can be attacked. The Boer army, in order to command so much territory, must be a strong one. But a British general with 32,000 men must know how to deal with such a formation. The regrettable feature of the campaign is that the enemy has time to make fortifications and leisurely take his pick of the country.

President Kruger has refused the gift of an ambulance from Sir James Sievewright on the ground that he cannot accept presents from the enemy. The Transvaal ambulance equipments were pronounced to be inadequate and of the most primitive description; and this appears to be borne out by the fact that after a battle near Ladysmith two trainloads of wounded men were sent to the town by the Boers for treatment. The conscientious scruple of the President, however, does not operate in the case of commandeering the enemy's gold.

Ladysmith is holding out well. Another sortie has been made from the besieged town and one of the enemy's guns was captured. In the other portions of South Africa the position appears to be unaltered.

WHAT A LADY WRITES.

The following is an extract from a letter sent from Maritzburg by the wife of an officer to a lady in North Sydney. It is dated November 3, and written from the neighbourhood of Maritzburg:—"My Dear M—— —You are anxious to hear news of the war. The Australian papers, I expect, will give you most of the detailed accounts. I heard from G—— to-day, which is my latest news. He is well, and has been in the fighting line all through. He came through the battle of Elands Laagte safely, when their colonel, Scott-Chisholm, and 8 others were killed, and 41 wounded. This, I mean, in the Imperial Light Horse alone. We have lost heavily on our side, particularly officers. At present G—— is in Ladysmith. Yesterday and the day before the Boers tried the investment of Ladysmith by their forces, but fortunately it did not come off. They are I can assure you no mean foes. We have had a wrong idea of them hitherto, and they are better men all round as regards fighting than we thought. They have outgeneralled us now on two occasions. It is an anxious, wearying time for us, waiting day by day for news, and then the lists of killed and wounded make one shudder. My sister is one of the nurses in the I.V. Hospital in Ladysmith. They (the Imperial Light Horse) behaved splendidly in the battle of Elands Laagte by a brilliant charge, which should live in history. They are very highly spoken of, and have been complimented from the War Office. Mr. Woods Sampson, of reform fame, was dangerously wounded through the thigh in the battle of Elands Laagte, and although they may save his leg, he will, they say, be a cripple for life. He is a major in the Imperial Light Horse. The most unfortunate affair of all was in the investment of Ladysmith. The Gloucesters, Fusiliers, and a mountain battery were taken prisoners by the Boers through the infantry mules and battery mules stampeding into the enemy's lines, which left our men with no guns to cover them, or spare ammunition. The result was, after a heavy loss on our side, they had to surrender through lack of ammunition, and at the same time being surrounded by a larger body of the enemy. G——'s last letter was written on the back of his saddle. They have little or no conveniences for letter-writing while on active service. Natal has sent all her volunteers out on active service. There is not a home, I think, in Natal which has not some one near and dear at the scene of the war. It is a terrible war, and the loss of life has been awful, and so far we have gained little or nothing. The Army Corps we are anxiously looking for. Our fighting strength is now here about 15,000 men of all arms, but Ladysmith itself is surrounded as I am writing to you by 23,000 Boers, and they are expecting it to be bombarded any moment. All women and children were ordered away at 24 hours' notice, so they have come down further to Maritzburg. My sister says it was anything but a pleasant sound hearing the Boer shells crashing over the hospital, which is in the town. Fortunately for us the Boer shells don't explode as well as ours. G—— is very pleased with the campaign, and says he has every hope of coming through safely. It is an anxious time, and one cannot help but feeling very anxious and wishing it was all over. Notwithstanding the glorious time to come, when once more our flag waves over the Transvaal, there is the present to go through, and the present is looking gloomy. Kimberley is besieged by the enemy. Jameson is in Ladysmith; also Colonel Guy. Colonels Willoughby and Rhodes are Raid men, and are in Ladysmith. Buller has arrived, and we have great hopes of him. We are passing through stirring times in South Africa. Many appear to think the war will last another six months; others, again, think we shall be in Pretoria in January. I doubt it."

THE AFRICAN FEVER.

The fever that General Sir George White has been possibly suffering from is a very common one in Africa, and affects nearly all Europeans who visit the country. It is a malarial complaint, and very weakening and distressing. A great temperature is reached, although the patient generally suffers from cold, and he, too, becomes delirious. Once an attack of malarial fever, and the unfortunate one generally has relapses, no matter where he lives. Most of the men who have lived in the country treat the attacks with impunity. Stimulants are always in great demand, and the cables stating that luxuries had been exhausted at Ladysmith would go some way to prove that fever might be rife. The lack of sanitation is, of course, serious, and the scarcity, too, apparently of ordinary liquors regrettable from a medicinal point of view. Recurrence of malarial fever takes place at any time. Still, the "salted" South African takes little notice of such seizures. He recognises them as serious inconveniences, swallows quinine, and makes the best of a bad job.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT.

PROGRESS AT RANDWICK.

THE ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Each day in its order is a busy one now at the Randwick Camp and the small encampment of the Army Medical Corps at Victoria Barracks. The character of the work being done at the rifle range is complex and heavy, inasmuch as there is no regular and definite settlement of forces. Everything is in its tentative stage, with the exceptions, perhaps, that a few of the officers who are to go with the second contingent are fixed beyond alteration and a certain number of horses are absolutely purchased. As to all the rest the position is one of test and examination, and while on the one hand no man knows for a certainty that he is off to the war, large numbers of additional volunteers are offering every day, and small numbers of those previously enrolled are withdrawing from camp. But if the men are uncertain as to the future in the respect stated they are sure in the immediate present of being kept hard at work, and they are certain, too, of drawing their pay. Yesterday convinced them that camp life is not easy; they were drilled for six long hours in many departments of field and general active service work. To-day they will have practical proof that the Government is a reliable paymaster, because they will be allowed to draw pay to date.

It is the prerogative of British soldiers to grumble, and they exercise it in whatever part of the world they find themselves. But as they usually work all the better after voicing their complaints in a general way, and as no one specifically is hurt, while the nation does not suffer a tittle, nobody scolds them for grumbling. While regular visitors to the camp have remarked on the lavish supplies of food for the men, the latter have been complaining that there was not enough to eat. The military authorities made prompt inquiries into the complaint, and though determined not to let the strength and health of the soldiers suffer through easily reparable neglect on the part of the commissariat, they could find no ground at all for th complaints. But again yesterday some of the men took exception to the quality or flavour of the tea, some objected that the chops were tough, some found too much fat on the steak, and some too little. These small wailings have been common to every camp yet held, and ceased to be heard when the men became more accustomed to life under canvas. In the present instance the authorities, knowing the food supply to be good, are satisfied that in a few days the men who are selected for active service will even relish the camp menu.

The process of buying horses was carried a stage further yesterday, and a few more staunch mounts were added to those already wearing heel-ropes. Testing the horsemanship of a further lot of men who had passed the doctors was again a feature of the day's work. This was the most popular item on the programme, and was witnessed by thousands of holiday-makers, who had chosen the camp for the scene of their day's pleasure. Large parties watched the rifle shooting tests also, and others found interest in following the rules of rifle drill as enunciated by the instructors who had charge of Major Boam's 100 men who are awaiting a call for a third contingent. The Australian Horse lines had their special audience, too, and the attractive green uniform of the men, which is soon to be superseded by the regulation khaki, won flattering compliments.

The total enrolment up to yesterday was 971, the men being drawn as follows:—Land forces, 355; naval forces, 8; police, 48; reservists, 36; cadet, 1; civilians, 493. It will be seen that the civilian element is very prevalent, and as the majority of this class are deficient in knowledge of drill their chances of inclusion will probably not be so great as those of the trained men. That is not to say, however, that any good man up to the number required will be thrown out simply because he is a civilian. The best shots and riders are required, and it is in order that civilians answering those conditions shall not fail on the point of drill that squad drill is being pushed on. But at the same time it is generally believed that, all else being equal, the men of the military forces will have a preferential claim on their sustained military training.

Fifty men were enrolled yesterday; there were 150 of the Australian Horse present, and 100 in the rifle instruction camp, making a total in camp of 950. Of those who had passed medical, riding, and shooting tests some few have withdrawn, and the number of efficients on the register was 422.

The men of the Army Medical Corps are responding splendidly to the efforts of Lieutenant-Colonel Vandeleur Kelly, acting P.M.O., and his officers. For a long time yesterday Lieutenant Samuelson subjected the corps to a rigid course of training, and, judging from appearances, he had ductile material to work upon that will reflect further credit on the colony's military medical resources. The men are displaying a spirit of zeal and earnestness in their work which cannot be too warmly commended. Yesterday after being dismissed from a severe spell of drill, a number of them earnestly implored the officer to give them just another hour, as they wanted to get on and make themselves proficient in their duties. As soon as it became known that 20 additional men were wanted for the corps, the officers were besieged with applications. Already far too many volunteers have registered their names, and yesterday some of them were medically examined. On the occasion of the previous choice a number of policemen were declined by the acting P.M.O. They protested, and were then told that there might be a chance for some of their number. A choice of the further relay may be effected to-day.

Dr. Newmarch reported himself at the camp yesterday, and Dr. Cortis, who is going with the Mounted Infantry, also went into camp.

AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

Many offers from eligible volunteers for inclusion in the proposed contingent of 500 trained rifle shots and horsemen, whose second nature makes them keen bushmen, are reaching the military authorities from day to day. Promises of contributions, too, are coming forward with gratifying promptitude. So far, however, the holidays have interfered with the business arrangements for the project, but as soon as is practicable steps will be taken to arrange a suitable system of preliminaries.

THE WARRIGAL IN HOBSON'S BAY.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The steamer Warrigal, with the New South Wale "A" Battery of artillery on board, arrived this evening from Sydney, after a perfect weather passage. The members of the battery were heartily cheered by the persons congregated in the vicinity of the pier. The health of the men and horses is excellent. Several stowaways were found on board, who are desirous of going to South Africa as volunteers.

HORSES FOR THE CONTINGENT.

In response to the suggestion that stationowners should present horses to the Government for the use of the troops going to South Africa, Mr. C. Kilgour has received from Mr. C. K. Mackay, of Pullaming, Gunnedah, a promise of two horses which are considered to be of the right stamp, quiet, good leaders, and tractable in every way.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

ARMIDALE, Monday.

A patriotic refreshment booth at the Highland gathering to-day, attended by the ladies of the district, was a great success, and will add nearly £50 to the patriotic fund. The Town Hall was packed to-night at a concert also given in aid of the patriotic fund.

GUNDAGAI, Monday.

At the last meeting of the municipal council a resolution was passed instructing the Mayor to call a meeting to inaugurate a patriotic fund.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Victorian Patriotic Fund has reached £2450.

COMPLIMENTARY REFERENCES.

At the annual dinner of the members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (Woollahra) on Friday evening the present war and the sending of the New South Wales contingent to the front formed the subject of several complimentary references from a number of the speakers. Mr. J. G. Moon, in proposing the toast of "The Parliament," said the present Parliament had risen to the will of the people when almost without a single exception they had shown to the world that Australians were an integral part of the British Empire. (Cheers.) The people themselves had both seen and felt that in sending the New South Wales contingents to South Africa they were part and parcel of the great British Empire—(applause)—and that when that Empire was attacked they were ready and willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with their brothers on the other side.

Mr. John Garland, M.L.A., who responded, said the Parliament had acted with no dissentient voice in sending the New South Wales contingent to the front to assist the Empire. The present war has been in every respect a great object lesson to the empires of the while world, and the British Empire had never stood higher than she does to-day. (Applause.) There had been blunders in the underrating of the strength of the opposing forces. But, he said, Britain was never seen to better advantage than when there was an apparent failure. This was the occasion when the grit and pluck of the British soldier came out. Loyalty to the Throne was the great object lesson of the Anglo-Saxon race, and the present war was only the beginning of the painting of the map of Africa red, when Britain should rule, notwithstanding the Dutch forces led on by foreign officers.

COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS.

BEGA, Monday.

Up to date 12 men from Bega have been accepted for the second contingent for South Africa.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

Considerable satisfaction is expressed locally at the acceptance of three Broken Hill constables for service in South Africa. Two other local volunteers who have been called to Sydney leave immediately.

CAMDEN, Monday.

About six men have volunteered for service with the next contingent. The Mounted Rifles officer of the district is away on military duties at present.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The local branch of the Highland Society has decided to vote 25 per cent. of the net proceeds of the Highland Gathering held on Boxing Day to the fund which is being raised for the Highland brigade.

LITHGOW, Monday.

Bugler Hunter, who had previously volunteered twice for the Transvaal, but who was not accepted because of the lack of his parents consent, left again for Sydney last night. The occasion was made the subject of a demonstration at the drill hall, where Hunter was presented by the members of the local company with a silver-mounted pipe and knife.

MOSS VALE, Monday.

Kingie Hayakawa, a Japanese employed by Sir John Lackey, has volunteered for active service in South Africa, and has sent an application to Colonel Burns.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED CONTINGENT.

PERTH, Sunday.

It has been decided to raise the strength of the Western Australian Mounted Contingent to 100 men and 125 horses, in terms of the suggestion of the Colonial Office that each colony should send at least a unit.

THE QUEENSLAND FORCES.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Sixty-five horses have now been purchased for the contingent, all of which are described as splendid animals. Amongst the men passed by the commanding officer are some finely developed men. The work of testing the men in horsemanship was resumed to-day. Fifty were tested, out of which eight were rejected. A squad of 50 was also tested in rifle shooting, the results in most cases being very good. A number of new rifles were rejected because of faults in sighting. It has been indirectly reported that the quality of rifles might with advantage be considerably improved. Many men, however, have their own rifles.

VICTORIAN CONTINGENT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The work of enrolling the Victorian Contingent for service in South Africa was completed to-day, and the men go into camp at Flemington tomorrow.

NEWS BY THE WAIWERA.

HOBART, Monday.

The steamer Waiwera, from the Cape for New Zealand, has put in here for coal. She has on board Private Seager, of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles, under arrest for drawing his bayonet on his superior officer. He will probably be transferred to the Oonah, leaving for Sydney to-morrow evening. The Waiwera has also on board Trooper Hunt, of the New Zealand contingent, invalided. The Waiwera brings files to the 8th ultimo.

WITH THE TROOPS ON THE KENT.

Mr. T. Igoe, who was employed on the steamer Kent as victualler by Messrs. Birt and Co (agents for the Federal line of steamers), and who returned from Capetown by the Moravian, gave some interesting particulars of the voyage, many of which were embodied in the letter published in the "Herald" of Friday from Mr. A. B. Paterson (special war correspondent to the "Herald" and "Sydney Mail.") Bad weather was, Mr. Igoe states, experienced several times on the voyage, but whenever this occurred Captain Prisk, who showed every desire to study the comfort of all on board, had the vessel slowed down, so that a minimum of inconvenience was experienced. Special attention was paid to the horses by the officers and men of the ship, and just prior to reaching their destination the sum of £28 was subscribed by the officers of the contingent and handed to Captain Prisk by Colonel Williams, P.M.O., to be presented to the officers and quartermasters of the Kent as an acknowledgment of their ceaseless vigilance and care for the horses during the voyage. The hospital was more or less full of patients throughout the voyage, but upon one occasion, says Mr. Igoe, every man was brought out as an order was issued that there was to be a "rum parade," in which none but those out of hospital were to participate. Many of the invalids however were compelled to return to their former quarters, thus showing that they had only attended the "rum parade" by a supreme effort of will. Influenza was chiefly responsible for the sickness amongst the men. Surgeon-Major Fiaschi devoted himself with great self denial to the care of the sick, Mr. Igoe states, making three inspection rounds per day as well as numberless private visits to the patients. The menu on board was voted first-class by all. Some of the country members of the contingent became facetious when rabbits were placed on the list two days in succession, remarking that they might soon be found running about on four legs if the rabbit diet were continued. The officers and men, he states, were somewhat surprised at the cool reception they received from the people of Capetown, but the welcome extended to them by members of the Canadian contingent was of the warmest character. There appeared to be little interest taken in the arrival of troops by the Capetown people, who do not seem enthusiastic about the war. Many of them, Mr. Igoe states, look upon President Kruger's conduct since the outbreak of hostilities as deserving of all praise, as they assert that he has provided means for the transit of refugees who were compelled to leave the Transvaal, and has also assisted many of them since.

During the voyage of the Kent and since the arrival of the contingent when their duties would admit of it, Mr. Paterson has done much towards entertaining the officers and men of the contingent. A good deal of his poetry was put into circulation on the ship, and in several instances the desire of the men to be supplied with a copy each was complied with by the post. The stowaway who was discovered on board was taken in hand by Mr. Paterson, who installed him as his orderly, fitting him out with a uniform of khaki. When the Lancers left Capetown on their way to the front, Mr. Paterson's orderly marched in the rear looking, says Mr. Igoe, as military as the smartest member of the corps.

HORSE SICKNESS IN NATAL.

The serious cable report from Natal that horse sickness has broken out is one of great concern, for it is well known among South Africans that this disease, if it has appeared, is a very serious matter at this time of the year. The opinions of Mr. C. H. Ward, who has recently arrived in Sydney from Natal, must therefore be of great interest. Said he yesterday to a "Herald" representative:—

"It is, indeed, very serious, and I hope it is not true. Still, the period of the year would go a little way to qualify, or rather confirm, the report.

"Well, I hardly know the true reason for the disease. We only wish we did. The first symptoms are: The horse gets dull and off his feed. He doesn't want to move at all, and refuses his forage. Then he commences to run at the nose. First a thin matter comes away; it increases in thickness; he falls down and all is over. Say, he's well enough to-day at noon, and dead to-morrow morning."

"Could you suggest the nature of the disease?"

"Well, yes; it is in the throat, and not in the stomach or lungs. We know this, for we have opened them and found nothing wrong with the intestines. It is just like diphtheria, and they suffocate. When the horse dies there is a great mass of foam or globular froth round his mouth and nostrils. I have heard that tracheotomy has been tried, and with success, too. Indeed, Dr. Jem, a well-known Natal surgeon, informed me on this matter. As for the dew on the grass, that as a primary cause may be a myth."

"What would you suggest then?"

"Well, I never lost a horse. We were only too careful not to let them graze where other animals—infected ones—had been. Why, I have known Dutchmen come into town, and have to walk home, their horses dying while they were in the dorp. The malady is terribly infectious, and is prevalent in the summer time, but never in the winter."

"Is there any preventive used?"

"The big horse dealers have two farms. Let me mention Mr. Peccioni, the biggest importer in Natal. He has over a thousand head at a time from Argentine, and it might be he has imported from this country. I know Mr. Simmonds, of Mooi River, as made big purchases in Australia. Mr. Peccioni gets his horses and mules to Durban, and sells at once all those that are wanted by customers, but the remainder is immediately sent to his farm on the high veldt. This is what he calls the upper farm. They are fed from the fodder brought over on the steamer, principally lucerne, and are delivered on the farm with all haste. There they are kept at least six months. Not a single case of sickness has occurred so far as I'm aware on any of the high level farms when the horses have been treated in this way."

"Could you advance any further explanation?"

"I'm not a scientific man in this sense. Still, I have heard it said that there is some similarity between this disease in horses and yellow fever in our case. You can nurse patients with impunity suffering from 'Yellow Jack' at an altitude of 1500ft. At least that has been my experience. I have had no fear of infection at that height. It is impossible for the disease to pass. So, too, I think in horse sickness so far as Natal is concerned."

"Then the horses are not kept in the low-lying land during the summer?"

"No, on the contrary. But in the high plateau of the Free State there is little fear. Natal is the hotbed of the whole matter. Then some say mules are immune. No such thing. They catch it just the same. They say donkeys are proof against the disease. So far as my experience goes they are."

"If the report be true that horse disease has broken out among the British horses in Natal what would you suggest?"

"That the English Government shipped 10,000 horses immediately—at once," replied Mr. Ward. "You must not forget that the Boers have principally 'salted' horses, while most of the animals on our side, save those in the Imperial Light Horse and Natal Volunteers, are imported ones. Ship 10,000 at once, for they will be wanted by the time they can arrive. The transport will suffer, and that means all. That is to say, if horse sickness as we know it in Natal has really broken out. It is a blood disease, and they die off. There is great mortality. Where large numbers of horses are of necessity bound to be kept together the affair is more serious than ever."

"Please explain summer veldt and winter veldt."

"Well, in the winter the keep on the mountains is killed off by the cold weather, and the lower veldt remains warm and good."

"Who are the principal horse breeders and farmers?"

"There were before the war Messrs. Peccioni, Labuschagne (arrested recently for high treason), Smith, Mackenzie, the Botha Brothers, the Natal Stud Company (Mr. Simmonds), and others. Their holdings are immense ones, say 5000 morgen, or 10,000 acres. They import extensively, and their chief market is, of course, the Transvaal, where mules are used largely for transport. Especially is this the case since the rinderpest carried off the cattle of the country."

"Then to summarise, Mr. Ward?"

"Well, the disease is a dreadful one, and is a local one of the throat, just similar, as I said just now, to diphtheria. The dew on the grass, I think, has little to do with the dissemination of the sickness, and, lastly, if the malady has broken out, no time must be lost in shipping a large number of horses from whatever countries they may be had. January, February, and March are the worst months for horse sickness in Natal, and, of course, taking it for granted the cable is correct, then no time should be lost, for new horses will be wanted."

TRANSPORT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The cable stating that there are difficulties over the transport in South Africa suggest the wonders of the old ox waggons and the work of "transport riding," as it is called in that country, in the days of the old pioneers. A large proportion of the stamps and all the original heavy boilers for the mines were conveyed to the Rand on ox waggons, and magnificent spans were owned. "Riders" made large sums of money. The life, too, of the white men who accompanied these conveyances was not only full of peril, but of sport too, for then antelope, wild ostrich, and wildebeeste often blackened the veldt. On the flesh of the first-named the owners of the waggons lived, while the natives toiled on with the cattle, the whites catching them up at the regular outspans. Sixteen bullocks made the usual "span," but where large and heavy loads were put on double that number were used. It will be remembered that Mr. A. B. Paterson, in his special letter to the "Herald" last week, mentioned, and was seemingly greatly struck with the appearance of the oxen in the waggons in the streets of Port Elizabeth. Such is a sight, and part and parcel of the country. The bullocks are large ones, with very long horns, and a small enlargement—it can hardly be called a hump—on the withers that suggests an ideal formation for carrying the yoke. Twelve to 15 year old oxen are to be seen, and their hoofs are as round and shapely as when calved. Continual work on the roads and lands keeps them down. All the oxen, too, have names, and on the roads they have to do without the voerlouper, or little lad, who leads by the aid of a rein or leathern strip while passing through a town or village. Mules are now used greatly for "transport riding," for rinderpest swept away the best cattle. This caused the Transvaal Government to import donkeys, these selling at £15 a head. But the old bullock waggon was slow and sure and the strength of the cattle very great. To get stuck in a drift means a terrible affair, for the river might "come down" at any moment and with little notice. The chief waggon-building centre in the whole of South Africa is the Paarl (pearl) district. This is in Cape Colony, and essentially Dutch, and of Dutch inclinations and sympathies. There may be a difficulty in getting waggons made there for transport service at the present juncture.

MR. KRUGER'S LATEST.

The latest move on the part of the Government of Pretoria is evidently to levy a toll or tax of 30 per cent. on the output of private mines in the Transvaal. This would point to the working of some of the properties on the main reef on the Witwatersrand. These "private" mines must not be confounded with those commandeered by the Government. There are very few individual or alluvial diggers in the Transvaal. Those from the Murchison Range will have long ago shouldered their rifles. On the other hand the enormously rich Sheba mine at Barberton might be the objective of the Pretoria Executive. This is by far the richest property in South Africa, and it was reported long ago that the mine was shut down. It is "patchy," and often runs 60oz. to the ton. There is a possibility of plenty of native labour from the East Coast, by way of Delagoa Bay, and the Sheba would indeed prove a great gold mine. The 30 per cent. that is likely to be claimed from the unworked mines, means that these charges will be made on the approximate value of their outputs as gauged from the official returns of their respective managers. Mr. Kruger's latest proposal is likely to bring about the disapproval of all Continental and American shareholders.

DIARY OF THE WAR.

The following is a record of the principal events connected with the present war in South Africa. The British plan of operations at the outset was to hold Ladysmith (in Natal), Kimberley (in north-west Cape Colony), and Mafeking (near the western border of the Orange Free State) pending the arrival of a British army corps. Sir Redvers Buller was appointed Commander-in-Chief, and divisional commands were given to Sir George White (in Natal), Lord Methuen (on the western advance to Kimberley), Sir William Gatacre (in northern Cape Colony). Subsequently other commands were created. The Boer command-in-chief was allotted to General Joubert. Whilst the siege of Ladysmith was proceeding he became ill, and his position was temporarily filled by General Schalk Burger. General Cronje was given charge of the Boer forces besieging Mafeking and Kimberley. Some of the later dates given below, which could not be verified by mail advices, refer to the time when the events were reported in London or Cape Colony. At the beginning of the war New South Wales, on behalf of the Australian colonies, offered a combined contingent to the Imperial Government for service in South Africa; but the Imperial Government made stipulations in regard to the composition of the force, and the colonies consequently decided to disregard the recommendations of a conference of military commandants held in Melbourne and each to send a separate force.

OCTOBER.

10.—President Kruger's 74th birthday. Boer ultimatum received in London and reply sent. The Free State throws in its lot with the Transvaal.

11.—At 5 p.m. time allowed by President Kruger's ultimatum expires. Sir Alfred Milner, High Commissioner, publishes a proclamation declaring that all persons who aid or abet the enemy in a state of war with Great Britain are guilty of high treason. Laing's Nek occupied by Transvaal Boers.

12.—The western border of the Transvaal crossed 40 miles south of Mafeking. Enemy cut railway and telegraph lines. British Agent left Pretoria. Invasion of Natal continues.

13.—The first shot fired by the Boers, who destroyed an armoured train at Kraaipan Siding, near Vryburg, and took Lieutenant Nesbitt and 13 men prisoners.

14.—Newcastle abandoned by the British. Kimberley isolated. The Boers attacked Mafeking and were repulsed with heavy loss. Two men of the Protectorate regiment were killed and 14 wounded.

15.—Free Staters at Spytfontein attacked an armoured train from Kimberley. Five Boers killed, several wounded. British loss, nil. 700 Boers attacked 15 Cape Police at Riverton-road. Two policemen were taken prisoners. Cape Police evacuated Vryburg at the request of the residents. Four miles from Mafeking an armoured train, with two squadrons of the Protectorate Regiment, repulsed the enemy, losing two killed and 15 wounded. Lieutenants Bentinck and Brady were slightly wounded. Enemy's loss estimated at 53 killed besides many wounded.

16.—Boers entered Vryburg and declared Bechuanaland a part of the Republic. Volunteers in Cape Colony called out for service. Mafeking attacked. Boers repulsed with loss.

17.—Assembling of Imperial Parliament. An armoured train engaged Boers north of Mafeking.

18.—Announced that militia and militia reserve, or such portion of it as may be required, will be embodied. Cavalry patrols from Ladysmith engaged the Free State scouts near Besters.

20.—The South African field force (52,000 of all ranks) commence embarking for South Africa. President Kruger by proclamation annexes Bechuanaland, and President Steyn annexes Griqualand West. Battle of Glencoe. Boer position carried, four or five guns captured, and enemy routed. General Penn-Symons wounded. British loss: 41 killed and 187 wounded. Boer loss: Over 100 killed, 300 prisoners taken by the British.

21.—A strong force moved out from Ladysmith under General French to restore communication between Glencoe and Dundee, interrupted by the occupation of Elandslaagte by the Boers on the 19th. British force captured the enemy's camp equipment, horses, waggons, two guns, and 300 prisoners, including General Koch and Colonel Schiel; 30 British were killed, including Colonel Scott Chisholme, 162 wounded, and two missing; 100 Boers were killed. Dundee was shelled. The Waiwera with the New Zealand contingent left Wellington.

22.—Skirmish on the Crocodile River, two British killed and four wounded. Eight Boers killed and many wounded. Dundee evacuated. General Yule, who succeeded to the command of the force at Dundee-Glencoe on General Symons being wounded, evacuated Glencoe, and marched to Ladysmith. Sir George White, to cover General Yule's flank march, moved out from Ladysmith to Reitfontein, to hold in check a strong Free State column which had advanced eastward.

24.—Battle of Reitfontein, which lasted six hours. Enemy defeated, suffering severe loss. British casualties: 12 killed, 103 wounded, 2 missing. Martial law proclaimed throughout Natal. A Kimberley detachment engaged the Boers near Riverton, compelling them to retreat. They lost heavily. The Boer commandant, Botha, was amongst the killed. British loss, 3 killed, 21 wounded. The garrison at Mafeking made a night attack on enemy's advanced trenches, charged with the bayonet, and killed 50 Boers. British loss, 6 killed and 9 wounded.

25.—General Symons died at Dundee.

26.—General Yule's column arrived at Ladysmith.

27.—Proclamation issued by High Commissioner declaring Boer proclamation of October 16 invalid, and warning colonists of their duty as British subjects. Boer prisoners (including Schiel, the German), embarked at Durban for False Bay.

28.—The Medic, with a contingent of Australian troops, left Melbourne.

29.—Strong force of Boers under General Joubert took up entrenched position near Ladysmith.

30.—Boers commenced shelling Ladysmith at 5 a.m. Their guns were quickly silenced. The Boers used 40-pounders. Two British battalions and a mountain battery after losing nearly all their ammunition by a stampede of their mules, and having fought until their remaining ammunition was expended, were almost completely surrounded by the Boers at Nicholson's Nek, and were captured. General Buller arrived at Capetown. The British losses in the battle near Ladysmith were 300 killed and wounded. The Kent, with portion of the New South Wales contingent, left Sydney.

31.—Boers attacked Cannon Kopje, Mafeking, also the east corner of the town. Both attacks were repulsed, the Boers losing heavily. British casualties: 6 killed, and 5 wounded.

NOVEMBER.

1.—Sixty Free Staters crossed the bridge at Norval's Pont, seized the station and telegraph office, and took six policemen prisoners. The Boers afterwards occupied Colesberg.

2.—The British artillery at Ladysmith, at very long range, fired on the Boer guns. Ladysmith was afterwards isolated. Lieutenant Egerton was mortally wounded by a shell at Ladysmith. Joubert protested against use of lyddite shells as being inhuman. The Cornwall, with the Queensland contingent, left Brisbane.

3.—Colenso evacuated by Colonel Cooper, the garrison retiring to Estcourt. British garrisons were withdrawn from Stormberg and other stations. Special order was issued from War Office, directing embodiment of 35 battalions of militia. Canada offered a further and larger contingent if it should be required. A successful sortie was made from Ladysmith. The Aberdeen, with a detachment of New South Wales troops, left Sydney.

4.—Fighting near Kimberley. British casualties, one killed, two wounded.

6.—Boers commenced a bombardment of Kimberley by firing two shells in the direction of the Premier mine. Enemy occupied Venterstad, on the Cape-Free State frontier.

7.—Troops commenced to arrive in Cape Colony from England. The Cornwall left Sydney.

9.—A British reconnaissance party from Orange River discovered the enemy among a row of kopjes five miles east of Belmont. Enemy used cannon, but the shells did not explode. British artillery fired 10 shots, and a few shells fell among the enemy, causing great havoc. The object of the reconnaissance was attained. Colonel Keith Falconer and Lieutenant Wood were killed. Heavy fighting between the British and Boers outside Ladysmith. Enemy fought with stubbornness, but were repulsed with the loss of 700 or 800 men.

10.—Two companies of the British mounted troops fought with the Boers eight miles from Estcourt. The Boers occupied a strong position, but were driven back. A British trooper was wounded.

11.—Sharp skirmishes with the Boers at Kimberley. Twelve Boers were killed and two British were wounded. The bombardment of Kimberley was resumed, and a coloured woman was killed by a shell.

13.—Boers declared Aliwal North Republican territory, and ordered British subjects to quit the town within 14 days. General Joubert was reported to be dead.

14.—Burghersdorp occupied by Free State Boers. British flying column made a sortie on the Boer position outside Ladysmith, driving the enemy from their guns. Five Boers were killed and two wounded. No loss on the British side. British cavalry and artillery engaged the enemy outside Ladysmith to the right of New Colenso road. The Boers were driven back on their main position. One British soldier was wounded. The Langton Grange with horses and a small detachment of New South Wales troops left Newcastle.

15.—The Boers hoisted the Free State flag at Colesberg, and occupied Campbell. General Joubert attacked the British north of Ladysmith. The fighting commenced early in the morning and continued until 2 p.m., when the Boers were repulsed with great loss, and retired 12 miles. A British armoured train left Estcourt for a reconnaissance. Near Chieveley one of the trucks was derailed, and the British were attacked by an overwhelming force. The line was cleared, and the train steamed back to Estcourt. The British loss was one killed and 18 wounded, and 60 officers and men were reported missing.

16.—Boers concentrated at Spytfontein. An ineffective bombardment of Ladysmith took place. The Boers were reported to have attacked Khama's country. The attack was repulsed.

17.—General Joubert reported to be alive. General Buller states that 100 British soldiers were missing as the result of the engagement with the armoured train near Chieveley.

18.—The enemy made an unsuccessful rush on Estcourt.

19.—The enemy destroyed a bridge over the Tugela. The force despatched in an armoured train at De Aar captured two waggon loads of guns and ammunition belonging to the Free State. The siege of Ladysmith was continued. The 9th Lancers were sent to Naauwpoort. General Buller arrived at De Aar, and Sir William Gatacre at Queenstown.

21.—An engagement was reported to have taken place at Kuruman. The Boers suffered badly. Sir William Gatacre was instructed to record the names of all disloyal subjects. Reinforcements continued to arrive at Capetown.

22.—General Buller warned the Boers that compensation would be exacted for all property destroyed by them. Estcourt is reported to be isolated. The Boers carried on looting in Natal and advanced south of Estcourt.

23.—Battle of Kaffir's Kop, near Belmont. The enemy was defeated and compelled to evacuate successively taken positions. The British casualties numbered 296. The British took 40 Boer prisoners and destroyed 750,000 rounds of shells and 50,000 rounds of ammunition. The Boer loss was very heavy. There was a lack of water at Mafeking and fever was prevalent. Twelve British were killed and 65 wounded in a sortie from Willow Grange, near Estcourt. Seven were taken prisoners. The Waiwera arrived at Capetown.

25.—General Buller was publicly welcomed at Durban. Major Hildyard made a successful sortie from Estcourt. Battle of Graspan. The Boers are known to have had 51 killed and 48 wounded. The British made many prisoners. The Yorkshire Regiment had seven men killed and 40 wounded and six missing. The Loyal North Lancashires had one killed and 19 wounded. Ten casualties occurred amongst other British troops. The Boers were routed.

26.—The Medic arrived at Capetown.

27.—President Kruger reported dangerously ill. Communication between Estcourt and Maritzburg restored. Fighting at Kuruman: 30 Boers killed and 28 wounded; British loss small.

28.—General Hildyard was stationed at Frere with 10,000 under his control. General Buller declared that the operations at Willow Grange had had the effect of clearing the enemy out of that part of Natal. Battle of Modder River; Lord Methuen was slightly wounded. 8000 Boers were engaged; 7000 men comprised the British force. Nineteen British officers were wounded. The British casualties numbered 438, 73 being killed and 355 wounded, whilst there were 10 other casualties. The Boers evacuated the position and entrenched themselves at Magersfontein.

29.—The Kent arrived at Port Elizabeth. The New Zealand troops left Capetown for the north.

30.—The Canadian contingent of 1000 marksmen were reported to have arrived at Capetown. Boer women fired on a Lancer patrol near Belmont, and killed one man. An engagement took place at Weenan, about 20 miles from Frere. The 12th Lancers intercepted a Boer commando, which suffered severely. Colonel Baden-Powell reported that a 100-pounder gun of the enemy had been silenced by the Mafeking garrison.

DECEMBER.

3.—General Buller, who had assumed command of the Ladysmith relief column, had 18,000 men under his control at Frere. A reconnaissance party working in the direction of Colenso shelled the Boer outposts and compelled the enemy to retreat. Many head of cattle were captured. The Canadian marksmen and Australian troops were despatched to the De Aar and Belmont line. The Langton Grange arrived at Durban, and the Aberdeen at Port Elizabeth.

4.—Colonel Plumer abandoned temporarily an expedition which he had commenced from Rhodesia for the relief of Mafeking. A large area of Cape Colony pronounced to be disloyal.

5.—The siege of Mafeking was temporarily raised.

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The Australian contingents in South Africa were amalgamated under Colonel Hoad.

6.—The hills surrounding Ladysmith were found to be dotted with heavy guns. General Joubert was reported to be ill.

7.—The Boers annexed Griquatown. Major-General Hunter with 500 Natal volunteers and 100 Imperial Light Horse made a sortie from Ladysmith, surprising the enemy on Lombard's Kop, and destroying one of their big guns and a howitzer, and capturing a maxim gun. The British had one man killed and 17 wounded. The same night the 19th Hussars made a raid on the enemy's camp at Pepworth's Hill. They burned the Boer laager, and cut the enemy's telegraph wires.

8.—A sortie was made from Ladysmith, and the enemy was compelled to retire from Bulwana Hill. The British attacked the Boers at Scholtz Nek, south of Spytfontein, and made them retire.

9.—The enemy attacked the lines of communication on the west. A British force, with two guns and a regiment of cavalry, was despatched from the Orange River, and attacked 1000 Boers, expelling them from the position which they occupied. Fourteen British were wounded. Railway and telegraphic communication was restored. A report was furnished by Sir George White that the British casualties at Ladysmith from November 1 were 5 officers killed and 15 wounded, and 26 rank and file killed and 130 wounded. Colonel Kekewich made a sortie from Kimberley and shelled the Boer position to the north of the town. One of the enemy's cordite guns was silenced. Her Majesty's ship Partridge seized at Port Elizabeth a cargo of 17,000 sacks of flour intended for the use of the enemy.

10.—Sortie from Ladysmith. The Rifle Brigade climbed Surprise Hill and inflicted great loss on the Boers. The British had 12 men killed and 44 wounded, and six who were left behind to look after the wounded were taken prisoners by the Boers. Battle of Magersfontein commenced. The British force consisted of 11,000 men. The enemy was estimated by the British general to be 12,000 strong.

11.—Battle of Magersfontein was continued. The British losses were 833 killed and wounded. The casualties amongst the officers numbered 69. The British troops left the Boers in their position and retired a few miles to the Modder River. It was estimated that the casualties amongst the Boers were 2000, whole companies having been annihilated by Lyddite shells. The Aberdeen arrived at Capetown. The Cornwall arrived at Port Elizabeth. 3000 men of Sir William Gatacre's force marched into an impossible position near Stormberg. 596 are believed to have been captured. The British force retreated. The Bechuanaland Police surprised a Boer laager near the Transvaal frontier. Twenty-two Boers were wounded. The Police, in order to effectually make the coup, rode 100 miles in 23 hours. The naval gun shelled the northern kopjes near Magersfontein, which were crowded with Boers. Great slaughter was effected. The New Zealand troops and a detachment of New South Wales Lancers under Captain Cox, at Naauwport, killed five Boers during a reconnaissance.

12.—It was reported that the Australian and New Zealand troops had occupied Arundel, and were under fire for five hours. In a sharp engagement near Colesberg the colonials killed three of the enemy. The Mafeking garrison silenced a 100-pounder Boer gun which was operating upon the town. Lieutenant-Colonel Bethune's mounted infantry drove 530 Boers across the Tugela River at Colenso. The total British losses since the beginning of the campaign were reported in London to have been 566 men killed, 2027 men wounded, and 1977 missing. The Cornwall arrived at Capetown.

13.—General Methuen's artillery fired on the enemy's position at Spytfontein, enfilading their trenches. Mafeking was reduced to short provision allowance. Colonel Plumer's column found that Gaberones, on the Bechuanaland frontier, had been evacuated by the Boers on December 2. It was announced that General Gatacre had abandoned Molteno. Mafeking was reported to be short of provisions.

14.—General Methuen shelled the Boer position at Modder River, dismantling one gun and silencing two small guns. There were no losses on the British side.

15.—The second Canadian contingent was announced to be in readiness to proceed to South Africa. It was reported that in an engagement near Arundel the Boers suffered 40 casualties. A battle near Chieveley took place. 12,000 British troops under General Buller tried to cross the Tugela River, but suffered a reverse, their losses being 148 killed, 731 wounded, 183 missing, and 48 prisoners.

18.—It was reported in London that the total British losses during the campaign were 728 killed, 2784 wounded, and 2265 taken prisoners. General Cronje's troops were massing in the direction of Jacobsdal, in the Free State. A report was received of an engagement near Arundel, 1200 Boers opposed the British. The enemy lost heavily. The British suffered slight casualties. At a meeting of the Defence Committee of the Imperial Cabinet it was decided to appoint Lord Roberts as Commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, and Lord Kitchener as his chief of staff, and to make arrangements for the despatch of 50,000 additional troops to the seat of war. A sortie was made from Ladysmith. Six British were killed and 15 wounded.

19.—It was reported that General French had been obliged to evacuate Vaal Kop, near Arundel. Reinforcements for General Buller were being sent from India. The Boer position near Naauwpoort was shelled.

20.—The War Office received an official report that the New Zealand troops with General French had occupied Wasfontein Farm and the adjacent hills near Arundel, and after a reconnaissance had been made the troops were withdrawn. Trooper Bradford was wounded, and captured by the enemy.

22.—A shell burst in Ladysmith and killed eight men.

23.—Lord Roberts left England for Capetown.

25.—It was announced that the American hospital ship Maine had sailed for Capetown. It was also announced to be the intention of Canada to mobilise 5000 men in readiness for all emergencies in South Africa.

26.—The Boers crossed the Tugela River near Pieters and fortified Flawe Hill and the plain below it. The naval guns shelled the enemy's position. It was reported that General Buller had destroyed Tugela-road Bridge. His force withdrew a few miles nearer to Chieveley, and portion of it was sent to Frere.

27.—General Joubert was reported to have again assumed command of the Boer forces. The Boers were reinforced by 1000 Cape Dutch.

28.—A report was received that the siege of Kuruman by the Boers had been raised.

30.—The Warrigal, with a battery of artillery, left Sydney.

A GERMAN MILITARY CRITIC ON THE CAMPAIGN.

AN OUTSPOKEN OPINION.

"A German Officer" writes to the "Times" from Berlin, on November 14, as follows:—"Aided by a thorough personal knowledge of the military conditions existent in England, and that to an extent perhaps possessed by very few non-British officers, notwithstanding the latter's proneness to most exhaustive criticism, I am naturally following your military operations in the Transvaal with the greatest interest. So much the more as circumstances have, during the past few years, afforded me an accurate insight into the affairs of South Africa. Several points occur to me from a military side which I am persuaded are not sufficiently taken into account in England. I take it as granted that you sufficiently understand at home the immense gravity of the war as regards the continuance of the British Empire as Weltreich, and that you are consequently resolved on victory, cost what it may in time, life, or money sacrifice. Assuming the foregoing there can be no doubt that England, with its exhaustless sources of power, will be able to achieve its end, even should the whole of Southern Africa rise rebelliously against her might.

"The other and the real question is, however, whether England is not again, as has so often previously occurred, underrating her opponent, and proceeding against the foe with too few forces, and this I am convinced is the case in the present issue, notwithstanding the extent of the forces which at first sight seem to be in employment. One is apt to overlook that just as little as the conditions of the South Africa of to-day can be contrasted with those of a decade ago, much less is the military power of the Boers in 1899, with their Mauser rifles, their quick-firing guns, and strategical science comparable with that displayed by them in 1881 and 1884, when those aids were wholly wanting. Again, it appears that England is wholly deceived as regards the number of efficient combatants at the disposal of the Transvaal and Orange Free States of to-day. You continue to appraise their number at 35,000 to 40,000 men, when it actually amounts to at least 60,000. This body of armed efficient opponents you expect to defeat with a force of, all told, including the Cape and Natal Volunteers, say, at the most favourable estimate, 80,000 men. I use the words most favourable with the fullest possible consideration, as in the case of Ladysmith, Kimberley, and Mafeking being taken before the British reliefs can raise the sieges of those places the numbers quoted will be very materially diminished. From these 80,000 troops have to be deducted those required for keeping open the requisite base lines, as well as the forces necessary for checking risings in the Cape Colony and in Natal, and those needed for garrison duty in the chief centres. I am of opinion, one which is freely shared by my brother staff officers, that not less than 40,000 to 45,000 will be absorbed by such considerations and necessities, leaving no more than 35,000 to 40,000 for active military operations. It has further to be taken into account that the majority of the men are unused to the climate, and that an unusual percentage of sickness may therefore be expected; that the local geography is a sealed book to most, and that an unusual number of reserve men have been pressed into use before they have been re-worked into the military condition necessary for such a campaign.

"I do not consider that our German view is unjustified, viz.:—How can England expect to crush a force of at least 50,000 Boers with an army comprising at the outside 40,000 men available for offence? Consider that these 50,000 Boers are acclimatised, that they know every yard of the country and all its capacities for traps for the bravest, most competent European troops. They shoot admirably, they are manœuvred with astonishing strategical ability, already revealed in the trifling operations hitherto carried out; they can ignore questions of food and encampment to a degree out of the question with British-fed troops, and they are contending for their rotten oligarchy with the courage of despair, which has, however, been heightened by success of a certain nature up to the present. They have found time during their advance south to put their rear route in an able state of defence; they have spies innumerable at their service in every quarter of the operations, and, moreover, are assisted by the code telegrams which foreign representatives and Powers are still allowed to exchange, and which those 'friendly' Powers are persistently abusing; they are in possession of vast accumulations of food, weapons, and ammunition to an extent which will enable them to prolong the war for an indefinite period. Finally Pretoria has been fortified in such an able manner that an almost insignificant defensive force will be able to hold the place, whilst the main army can be devoted to other duty. Taking all the foregoing into due account, the conclusion has to be arrived at that if England means to come out victorious she will have to be represented in South Africa by an immensely increased numerical force—at any rate one quite beyond the proportions of anything as yet conceived by the public. Happily for her, she can easily double or treble her power in South Africa, without in any way reducing her power in India or in her colonies. I mean thereby the thousands of trained men in all parts of her Empire who are able and willing to proceed South. Judiciously mixed with your able regulars, they would be quite efficient for garrisoning the chief places in Cape Colony and Natal, for keeping touch between columns and bases, and for overcoming any treachery of the natives, white or black. Such judicious strengthening would have the result that the regularly trained and seasoned men could be dispensed from such duties, and would be available for the offensive operations of your regular army. Such men are, to my knowledge, to be had in England and in your various colonies in thousands, and an appeal from your Queen to her people in all climates would convert thousands into hundreds of thousands, from which only the best material might be chosen.

"And when one takes into account the tremendous balance which is at stake on this war for England, surely the increased expense of transport and such-like is justifiable. The fitting out and payment of an additional 50,000 to 60,000 of such men ought not to be considered for a moment; certainly such expense will be vastly less than will result if England continues to push on the war with her present insufficient troops, all too good to be exhausted slowly by an immediate imprudent parsimony. As is well known, nearly all England's military mishaps during the present century have to be ascribed solely to her persistent underestimation of her opponents' resources. Will your leaders repeat the fault in view of an enemy furnished with every modern advantage of war, or has she at last realised the advantages and responsibilities which attach to the government of 400,000,000 of British subjects—the latent power at her disposal with which to safeguard the latent possibilities of a nation of nations? Upon this decision hangs neither less nor more than the whole future and destiny of the British Empire. An untoward end of the present military operations in South Africa is the beginning of the dismemberment of the whole nation—a fact, it is hoped, clear to every Briton, as it is at least to every thinking European. An England which is impotent to reduce and hold South Africa is destined, not only to become the scorn and victim of all other nations, but is safe to lose all her colonies and fall to the rank of a third-class State."

THE TACTICS AT LADYSMITH.

OPINION OF A GREAT AUTHORITY.

Lieutenant-General Alexis Henri Brialmont, of the Belgian army, who since the death of General von Moltke has been recognised as one of the highest European authorities on tactics, speaking to a correspondent of the "New York Herald" at Brussels on November 1, said:—"This disaster at Nicholson's Nek should convince the English that this war will not be such a short or easy matter as has been imagined. The Boers maintain their superiority in guerilla warfare, the most difficult for a regular army to cope with, as the Americans are now finding out in the Philippines. It will take 70,000 men six months to reduce the Transvaal to anything like a condition of subjugation, and to hoist the British flag over Pretoria. Detailed criticism of General White's tactics will be premature until full knowledge of the local conditions is secured, and even then tacticians will differ. But judging by the information at hand, General White did perfectly right to essay to scatter the army attempting to invest him and cut him off from his base. Where he failed was in his intelligence department. This must have been faulty in the extreme. The English should have known every inch of ground around Ladysmith, and have had information of the disposition of the Boer forces, which would have prevented them being deceived by the Boer feint, which drew General White's central column on a false scent, thus enabling the Boers to dispose easily of two British battalions on the left flank. The result also shows that captive balloon observations are unreliable, except under special and limited conditions." General Brialmont, now in his seventy-ninth year, has written many works on military history and tactics. He made the principal fortifications of Antwerp in 1858, the fortifications of Bucharest in 1883, and those of Liege and Namur in 1887.

SURGERY IN MODERN WARFARE.

It is hardly realised (says "Outlook") even now what a part in the actual fatality of modern warfare is to be played by aseptic surgery. Nearly 30 years ago "wound fever" was expected to follow any severe injury as a matter of course; the hospitals soon became saturated with it, until it often developed into the terrible "hospital gangrene," which swept through the wards like a prairie fire, and carried off 30, 50, and even 70 per cent. of the unfortunate inmates. Now the faintest touch of wound fever would be regarded as a disgrace, calling for most searching investigation, while, as for hospital gangrene it is as extinct as the dodo. The saving in mortality arising from the newer methods will be enormous. Thus, of battle wounds which did not prove fatal within a few hours, two-thirds of the mortality have hitherto been due either to wound fever or to second hemorrhage caused by the decay of the healthy blood clot which normally closes the wounded arteries—in other words, to some form of infection. Of 118 cases of gunshot wounds received into the hospitals before Santiago in the Spanish-American war 99 recovered, or nearly 90 per cent.; 30 years ago a death rate of 30 per cent. would have been regarded as moderate.

Moreover, the rapidity of recovery has been quadrupled. A severely wounded man used to be practically disabled for the campaign, if not for the war; he may now be ready for duty within a month or six weeks. Soldiers shot through the abdomen, and even through the head, at Santiago were anxious to report for duty in three weeks. Modern methods will prove equally effective. Contrary to popular impression, war is becoming less deadly every generation.

The necessity of dealing with the question of food supplies is apparent to the "Volkstem," a Boer journal." We are (it says) to a large extent dependent upon outside countries for the necessaries of life. Those upon whom we are dependent for the raising of our food supplies are in the field, and cultivation of crops is in the hands of Boer women. That we should be short of means for supplying the need of the population is an unfortunate circumstance. Portugal has shown herself to be friendly disposed, and with Delagoa Bay still open, the sooner arrangements are made for securing the necessary supply the better. Is it not possible that consular influence could be brought to bear upon the countries represented here, and that the Governments may be induced to supply that of which Great Britain would deprive us?"

Many of the American newspapers pay high tribute to the bravery of the British officers and men engaged in the Transvaal campaign. The "Washington Post" says: "We take a fraternal pride in the personal gallantry of the British Army, and especially in the almost fantastic daring of the British officers, who are to-day repeating the exploits of English chivalry—the finest in the world—of centuries ago. No race has ever produced their equals in the fearlessness and splendour of their bravery."

The "Cape Times" says:—Charles Godfrey, the platelayer who was wounded in the armoured train disaster near Chieveley, is an old soldier, having served with distinction in the last Boer war, in the 58th (Rutlandshire) Regiment, and for bravery in action received a distinguished conduct medal. Relative to this act the following report of the colonel commanding will be interesting: 'In the engagement at Laing's Nek on January 28, 1881, when the regiment reached the most advanced position to which it was able to attain, many of the officers were shot down. Amongst the number was Major Hingeston, who was mortally wounded. This officer was lying several yards in front of the line, exposed to a heavy fire from the Boers, as well as our own line. Private Godfrey, seeing this, crept to the front on his hands and knees, took up Major Hingeston in his arms, and carried him through the ranks to the rear. At this time the regiment was ordered to retire, but Private Godfrey remained with Major Hingeston under fire, refusing to leave him until the engagement was over, and he had conveyed him to the hospital in the rear." Mr. Godfrey also has the Zululand Medal, 1879.

AN AMERICAN VIEW OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

The following leading article appeared in the "New York Tribune" of November 22:—"The troubles in South Africa are a second time placing the British Empire on review before the world. The first time was just after the Jameson raid. Great Britain was then at the height of her 'splendid isolation.' There was some unpleasant, not to say menacing, talk upon the Continent. The spectre of hostile intervention began to take form. It was necessary for the insular Athanasius to make a demonstration against not the Transvaal, but the world. The word was given. And in the twinkling of an eye, from every wave-made hollow of all the Seven Seas, there seemed to start a British battleship, with decks full cleared for action. Never, perhaps, was a more startling exhibition made of a great nation's readiness for whatever emergency might appear. Never was there quicker recognition of such readiness by the potential threateners. As that amazing reserve fleet steamed into view the possible meddlers vanished. As 'Oom Paul' put it in his racy speech, 'The Old Lady just sneezed, and then where were they?' For answer, here is what the 'Neue Freie Presse,' of Vienna, says:—'There can be no question of the intervention of any European Power. No one will rob the British lion of his prey.' To-day this second review is of a different character. It is not the navy, but the army. Now, the British army has been much despised upon the Continent since the memory of Waterloo began to fade. Its hideous mismanagement in the Crimea discredited its system as much as Balaklava valued its individual valour; and since then it has had to deal with none but petty tribes or with remote enemies. Upon the fields of Europe it has been unknown, and Waterloo has been eclipsed by Duppel, Sadowa, and Sedan. With no conscription, outnumbered more than ten to one by rivals, and scattered to the four corners of the earth, it has come to be regarded as a negligible if not an outright minus quantity, but now that estimate is reconsidered. With a promptness, a smoothness, and an ease that make the Continental captains rub their eyes, a British army is mobilised and sent half-way around the globe for action; and it shows a fitness of physical condition, a perfection of equipment and of discipline, and, in brief, an all-round efficiency that excite the amazement and admiration of even the German headquarters staff, and call therefrom a most cordial compliment. True, it is a small army compared with what the great military Powers could put into the field. But size does not always count. It shows in field action the efficiency which a German expert in the Soudan campaign pronounced 'simply incredible.' True, also, it has to be summoned from distant parts. But then, too, all the scattered colonies stand ready with their contingents. It is not an army from Great Britain and Ireland alone, but from that Greater Britain which includes the Dominion of Canada and the United States of Australia. So the world is made to realise that the British Empire is still a military force on land as well as sea, and on sea as well as land. There has been some vain talk of Europe's opportunity, while British hands are busy in South Africa, for making anti-British advances elsewhere in the world. In the first place, it is not to be believed that any Power or Powers have such a purpose or desire, and in the second place it is to be observed that, despite her business in South Africa, Great Britain is just as free as ever to deal with any other foe. The hands with which she has been expected to grapple with Russian, or French, or German aggression are not tied nor busy. Her fleet is not engaged in the Transvaal. Just a few ships, under the gallant Chichester—the friend of Dewey at Manila—are sufficient for her purpose there. All the rest remain on duty as before, around her coasts, in the narrow seas, in the Mediterranean, and wherever there is an interest to guard or a menace to check. It is not in vainglorious boasting, nor in swaggering jingoism, but in the calm confidence of well prepared and well-tested strength, that the British Empire stands on review to-day, ready at every point, on land and sea, to keep alike her martial drum-beat sounding and her peaceful commerce moving, and her vast realm intact all round the crimsoned circle of the globe."

CHIEVELEY.

Important news must be expected from Chieveley. There is likely to be another great fight here. Chieveley is 166 miles from Durban, and is 3520ft. above the sea. Colenso is seven miles further, and 3156 level. As the road approaches Colenso the country to the right is wooded and broken. It is a great cattle-raising district. The line follows the course of the river Tugela, a distinctly picturesque and wild stream, with great boulders here and there and splendid waterfalls. It is interesting and grand. Here will be found ideal native life, with kraals and all the surroundings of the existence of the well-to-do blacks. They have been anxious about their cattle, and every utterance of Dinizulu, the son of the great chief Cetewayo, is discussed at the indabas of the natives. The country round Chieveley has been the scene of many a bloody fight between the old settlers and the treacherous natives, and even to-day perhaps the old hatred is still to be found. The native dislikes war, and he is intelligent enough to know that the old days of assegai and bullock-hide shields are over. Chieveley as a place, of residence at present is of no importance, but its name will live.

THE MAFEKING WOUNDED.

The daring sortie from Mafeking is another of those incidents that will for ever associate the name of Colonel Baden-Powell and his handful of men with the defence of the little railway siding village, for such the place is and little more. But here, ever since the close of the Matabele and Mashona wars, were to be found many of the smartest young men in Africa, the younger sons of great English families, who, finding living in Rhodesia very expensive, made the best of their way to the Cape. Still, many remained in the hope of some soldiering being their opportunity. It has come to them. Lord George Bentinck, reported wounded at Mafeking a week ago, is a member of the Portland family, whose famous ducal residence is at Welbeck Abbey, close to Worksop. Lord Edward Cecil, of the Grenadier Guards, also reported wounded, is a son of Lord Salisbury. The Boers speak admiringly of the dash and daring of the Mafeking heroes, and there can be little wonder, for Colonel Baden-Powell's six hundred are made up of the flower of English families, and men who have practically fought every day of their lives in the civilisation of South Africa. Although many are youths, they wear the medals of the two Matabele wars and other distinctions.

THE POSITION OF SELECTED OFFICERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The great burst of patriotic enthusiasm which at present echoes through this colony is liable I fear to make us blind to certain hard facts which cannot be too widely known. While the rank and file of the contingent now about to leave our shores as representatives of this colony are of course equipped solely at the expense of the Government, those gallant officers who have been fortunate enough to secure a place with the troops find themselves at a fortnight's notice called upon to equip themselves completely at their own expense, even having to provide their own horses. It seems strange that while these gentlemen are being sent in command of the colony's troops they should be called upon to pay £70 or £80 out of their own pocket for their equipment. Some of the officers are not in any way rich men, and it will come very hard on them to have to buy a good horse now that all available are being purchased by the Government. If the Government cannot see its way to provide equipment for its officers, surely some of our patriotic squatters would be glad to present each officer with a suitable charger. I trust, Sir, you will give this fact publicity, that this slur on our name may be avoided.

I am, &c., E. O. M'KENZIE.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I was pleased to see by a report in your issue of this morning that the Orange Institution are making a special effort to raise a sum for the patriotic fund by an appeal to all the subordinate lodges, and that the matter is taken up so heartily. As we claim loyalty as our chief motto we have now a grand opportunity to show to the public that we can demonstrate the same when occasion arises. It would be an easy matter to raise £1000 at least, in this way: Donation from subordinate lodges say to average £1 each—£350 (this would of course be under the mark, as many of the lodges have voted £5), and if the Grand Lodge will add say £50 we would have £400 as a start. Then I would suggest the striking of a special patriotic levy of 1s, which, with a membership of 15,000, would more than make up the amount, and I feel certain that all our members would cheerfully fall in with the suggestion, and thus show the public that we have the spirit of our forefathers.—I am, &c., DERRY.

December 30.

Lord and Lady Braybrooke, of Audley End, Saffron Walden, celebrated their golden wedding a few days ago. They have resided at the mansion since 1866, and are now verging on their fourscore years.

"MUSIC HATH CHARMS."

The present year (writes an Auburn correspondent) is remarkable for the number of aspirants to musical fame who have made their bow to the public, many having won golden opinions here and abroad. In Miss Rose Kennerdale, of Carnarvon-street, Auburn is fortunate in possessing a pianiste of considerable ability. Recently we spent a pleasant half-hour in listening to some difficult selections which she charmingly played. We were, therefore, considerably surprised when she remarked:—

"Until lately I have been quite unable to practise."

"One would scarcely judge so by your skill, Miss Kennerdale."

"Well, I have tried to make up for lost time. But for a considerable period I have been too weak to play. Some time ago I could hardly move my arms. I became quite pale and bloodless, and suffered severely from headaches and loss of appetite. No matter how little I ate, I was afflicted with pains a short time afterwards. The summer heat oppressed me greatly. My only desire was to lie down, and, if possible, rest. Sometimes I thought my feet would give way under me from sheer exhaustion, whilst an increasing dull pain in my back and sides added to my distress. At night I would toss about in bed, gasp for breath, and could never sleep properly. If I walked a short distance heart palpitation would come on, making me faint and dizzy, so that I had to stand with my hands to my sides to get a little relief. My skin was tender, my hands bloodless and shrunken, my lips blue, and my face devoid of colour. A physician said I was anæmic, and that I would have to undergo six months' treatment. As medical attention did not seem to improve me, I tried several remedies, but without success. At last I decided to give Dr. Williams' pink pills a trial. In a few weeks I was quite bright and strong, and have been in perfect health ever since. My complexion has been wonderfully improved, my blood enriched, and my whole nervous system strengthened. I cannot be too grateful for my cure by Dr. Williams' pink pills." Dr. Williams' pink pills are undoubtedly the one cure for anæmia and all weaknesses in men and women. They also cure (by their tonic action on the blood and nerves) after-effects of influenza, fevers, measles, &c.; rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, chronic nervousness, insomnia, irregularities, rickets, St. Vitus' dance, jaundice, locomotor ataxia, paralysis, &c. Sold by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Queen's Place, Sydney, two and ninepence per box, six boxes fifteen and threepence, post free, and by all chemists and storekeepers. But mind you ask for "Dr. Williams'." The full name is printed in red on the white outside wrapper of every genuine package. Dr. Williams' pink pills cannot be equalled for beautifying the complexion by rational measures.—Advt.

QUEENSLAND.

THE MURDER AT EUREKA.

NO CLUE TO THE MURDERER.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Further news received confirms the facts already published, that the murder of the girl at Eureka was of a most horrible description. The girl was apparently first stunned by a blow on the back of the head, her throat was then cut, and she was stabbed through both lungs. There was also a deep cut on each groin, as well as several superficial wounds. The body was found about half-past 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, but was not touched until seen by Dr. Chalands and Mr. J. Stirling, J.P., when a post-mortem examination was made. It had been raining more or less heavily since the murder was committed, which made tracking impossible. At the time the information was received in Brisbane, there were three black trackers on the way from the north for service in the Victorian police force, but the Commissioner of Police delayed them at Brisbane. As, however, it was seen that they would be apparently useless on account of the continued wet weather, they were allowed to continue their journey. A tracker and an officer named Tighe, the latter a good bushman, were sent on, and were to be joined by another officer at Gympie. The investigations are being directed by Inspector Driscoll, Maryborough. The Chief Inspector of Police has, however, gone up from Brisbane. At present the police have no clue to the perpetrator of the crime.

The schooner Annie, from Townsville, got in a gale during the week, and lost her bulwarks and sails. She flew signals of distress. The Sylvan went to her assistance, and brought her to Broadmount.

The body of a man named Frank Palmer was found at Alligator Creek, four miles from Rockhampton, on Saturday. It appears the deceased must have tried to swim a creek which at the time was running high, and fallen off his horse.

A man named William Stanhard was found drowned at Neerkol Creek, near Stanwell. He attempted to cross the railway bridge, which was under water owing to the floods, and was swept away and drowned.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO CONSTABLES.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

A serious accident happened to three members of the police force last night. They had taken a man suffering from fits to the hospital in the police van, and when coming out of the hospital gates the horse shied, upsetting the van. Constable Whiting, who was driving, sustained a broken and dislocated shoulder, with severe contusions of legs, and other injuries. Constable Hinds injured his shoulder, and Constable Pressick had both legs badly bruised. Constable Whiting was admitted to the hospital, and the others, after medical attendance, were allowed to go home. They are all progressing favourably.

DISTURBANCE AT BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

More disturbances occurred outside the German Club on Saturday night and last night, but nobody was injured. The crowd who aggressively assembled sang patriotic songs. Last night an immense crowd gathered, but the police were in evidence and kept it in check. A few stones were thrown, but no damage resulted. Beyond these aggressive demonstrations the holidays passed off quietly.

RAINFALL AT BOURKE.

BOURKE, Monday.

Twenty-seven points of rain fell to-day, and it is still threatening.

ARMIDALE, Monday.

The Governor has accepted an invitation to open the P. and A. Society's show in March.

BLAYNEY, Monday.

Over £60 was collected here last week for the Bathurst Hospital. Of this amount £28 was contributed by the Blayney Copper Mine employees.

BOURKE, Monday.

The initiation of the night trains from Bourke was warmly welcomed here. The first one was not patronised to any great extent, as no announcement was made locally that the train was to leave on Friday night.

CAMDEN, Monday.

Miss Wallace whilst proceeding to Cobbitty sports to-day, in company with three other ladies, met with a serious accident. The horse shied and capsized the buggy, the occupants being thrown out. Miss Wallace's dress caught in the buggy, and she was dragged about a hundred yards, and rendered unconscious, and being badly cut on the head.

The members of the local School of Arts have unanimously decided to borrow £550 for the construction of a new library and billiard-room at the rear of the present large hall. The main building is to be thoroughly renovated.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Monday.

Mrs. Warby, widow of the late Joseph Warby, died at her late residence, Moorsfield, Campbelltown, this morning. Mrs. Warby was 76 years of age, was a native of this district, and was highly esteemed.

COONAMBLE, Monday.

Mrs. Bertram, wife of Dr. Bertram, the Mayor, died on Saturday.

GUNDAGAI, Monday.

Mr. J. S. Nicholls, of South Gundagai, one of the leading farmers and an old resident of the district, died on Saturday evening. He leaves a large family.

Mr. William Horsley, of Yabtree station, died yesterday afternoon. Deceased had been in delicate health for some considerable time.

Mr. Barcroft Wolstenholme, whose wife died on the previous Sunday from heat apoplexy, died yesterday.

GOULBURN, Monday.

Five members of the Harmonic Touring Cycle Club arrived here at 11 a.m. to-day, and left at 2 p.m. for Gunning.

The Mayor has forwarded to the Government a petition signed by local shopkeepers praying that Friday may be observed as the half-holiday under the Early Closing Act until the ballot is taken.

The rainfall for last year was 25 inches 48 points, which is the most satisfactory for some years.

KIAMA, Monday.

The registered rainfall here during last year was 54 inches 80 points, which fell in 126 days. The ground is now very dry, and farmers are anxiously awaiting rain to enable them to plough and sow.

MORUYA, Monday.

The petty sessions receipts last year were £5167 8s 5d. The births for the year were 174, deaths 38, marriages 24.

The river improvement works have been stopped. On the last estimates an amount was passed to continue the work, but the money is not yet available. In the meantime teamsters are idle.

Mr. John Bishop, of Glenduart, died this morning.

Mrs. Wyatt (not Mr. Wyatt, as was announced in error) died last week.

NELLIGEN, Monday.

A miner named David Logan broke his thigh bone to-day through falling over a deep side-cutting left unprotected.

PORT MACQUARIE, Monday.

A boy named James Hayward is supposed to have been drowned while fishing from the North Coast Company's dredger this afternoon. His hat was found floating in the river. Men are dragging the river for the body.

PATERSON, Monday.

A man named Lee, aged over 80, accidentally took some carbolic on Saturday evening and expired shortly afterwards.

TAREE, Monday.

A child named Neville Eggins, aged about 2 years, was drowned at Croki on Sunday morning. He was playing on the bank of the river with other children when he was missed, and a search being made, he was seen floating on the river. The district coroner, Mr. T. B. Boyce, held a magisterial inquiry this morning, and a finding of accidentally drowned was recorded.

WENTWORTH FALLS, Monday.

The rainfall here for the year ended December 31, 1899, has been 5640 points, rain falling on 146 days. 1648 points fell in August, which was the record month for the year.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

Mr. W. A. Legget, 24 years of age, who has been subject to fits, fell into the fire at Richmond Vale yesterday, but when discovered was beyond human aid, dying a few minutes later.

Mrs. Wilkinson, wife of Mr. T. P. Wilkinson, of High-street, sustained painful injuries to her face and arms by an explosion in a gas stove at her residence to-day.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND COMMONWEALTH FAIR.

A large number of people attended the above fair at St. Francis' Hall, Haymarket, last evening. A number of valuable articles were raffled and handed over by the honorary secretaries to the successful ones. To-night an auction sale will be conducted of all the remaining articles, and as this will be the last night of the fair it is anticipated that a good attendance will be recorded.

PATRIOTIC FUND CONCERT.

A concert and entertainment will be given at the Paddington Town Hall to-night in aid of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund. There will be an assault-at-arms (cutlass and bayonet), and military bands, and contributions will be made by Mr. George Rignold, Miss Maud Fitz-Stubbs, Mr. Edward Farley, Miss Ivy Winter, Mr. Harry Leston, and Mrs. Ernest Truman to a popular programme.

NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE JUBILEE REGATTA.

A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS.

WITNESSED BY 30,000 PERSONS.

SYDNEY CLUBS WELL REPRESENTED.

VISIT OF A MAN-O'-WAR.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The Newcastle Jubilee Anniversary Regatta took place to-day, and proved a far greater success than any of the previous carnivals during the 50 years' history of aquatics at this port. The ship Star of Bengal, Captain Henderson, was placed at the disposal of the committee as flagship, for which purpose she proved herself admirably adapted. She was lavishly dressed in honour of the occasion, and was moored in the stream abreast of the Customs-house. The naval authorities, too, recognised the importance of the jubilee celebrations by dispatching H.M.S. Lizard to participate in the proceedings, the action of the Admiral in so readily granting the application of the regatta committee being much appreciated by the people of this district. The extent of the Newcastle wharfs is considerably over a mile, and they were thickly lined, nearly 20 deep in places, by interested spectators. Throughout the morning and afternoon large crowds also assembled along the dyke at Carrington, whilst several thousands viewed the proceedings from roofs, balconies, and other vantage points facing the harbour. A modest estimate of the immense gathering would be 30,000, but 40,000 would probably be nearer the mark. Thousands of visitors arrived during the morning by special trains from Maitland and other northern towns, whilst the tramways were taxed to their utmost capacity in conveying almost the entire population of the suburbs of Newcastle.

The flagship was visited during the day by over 3000 persons, the crowd being a moving one. An excellent steamer service between the city and flagship was maintained throughout. Captain Henderson had made adequate provision for the comfort of patrons, and the fine ship was as clean as a new pin. The band of the 4th Infantry Regiment, under Bandmast Bentley, A.R.C.M., which was engaged by the committee, played on board an excellent programme of 13 selections. A floating pontoon was moored alongside the Star of Bengal for the convenience of visitors in boarding the vessel, and a detachment of water police was told off to assist the ladies in affecting a safe landing. The whole of the shipping of the port was decorated with bunting, the Government pilot steamer Ajax making a particularly fine display, the chief feature of which was the expression of goodwill, "A Happy New Year," worked in flowers and evergreens, and carried by streamers along the masts from stem to stern.

The programme was the largest and most attractive of any hitherto presented in Newcastle, and as a natural consequence the response was greater than on any previous occasion. The sum distributed in prize money was £220, irrespective of numerous valuable trophies given by local business firms. There were 14 distinct races divided into 18 events, and the entries totalled over one hundred. Several portions of the colony were represented, including Sydney, East Maitland, West Maitland, and Grafton. The metropolitan clubs which took part were Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club, Sydney Sailing Club, and Sydney Dingy Club. One of the most exciting races of the day was the Jubilee Gift, a water brigade race, the first prize for which was £20. Crews representing the East Maitland, West Maitland, and Grafton brigades entered, the contestants having been in active training for the event for many weeks past. Crowds of visitors from the northern towns came to Newcastle specially to witness this race, and intense interest was manifested in the final which was won by Grafton representatives by 30 seconds. The principal sailing race was the Jubilee Commemoration Prize of £25, for boats of 18ft. There were 10 entries, but only six faced the starter, of which three came to grief. The finish was an exciting one between the Newcastle-owned boat Federal and the Sydney-owned boat Stella II., resulting in a win for the local craft with the Sydney-owned Australian third. It is only fair, however, to point out that the Stella II. conceded the Federal 1 minute. Another prize of £25 was provided for boats of not less than 14ft. length, under canvas. Several Sydney boats competed, none of which were placed, the winner being the local sailing craft Ariel. In sculling the principal event was the Champion Jubilee Cup, for all comers, single sculls, first prize a cup, with 25 guineas added, the three prizes aggregating £32 5s. C. Towns, 20 seconds behind scratch, succeeded in annexing the coveted prize, R. Tressider being second, and H. Pearce, of Sydney, third. Among other events which attracted a good deal of attention was a sculling race between crews representing H.M.S. Lizard and the N. C. Company of the Naval Brigade, the latter being successful in both heats.

A very strong north-easter, with ebb tide and heavy seas, prevailed until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the tide changed and the seas moderated somewhat. Frequent capsizes occurred, and there were many mishaps, the Sydney boat Britannia being dismasted when ready to start in the race for dingies. The weather, however, was fine, and the wind alone detracted from a thoroughly enjoyable day on board the flagship.

The whole of the arrangements in connection with the regatta were carried out by Mr. C. H. Hannell, who for a period of over 40 years has annually organised the local aquatic carnivals. He was assisted by an energetic committee, and viewed from every standpoint the undertaking was a pronounced success. The principal race officials were:—Umpire, Mr. C. H. Hannell; judge, Mr. J. C. Reid; starter, Mr. Edmond Hannell; assistant starters, Messrs. W. Langford and E. J. Flaherty. A word of praise also is due to the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Hickey), to whose efforts much of the success of the venture was due. Appended are the results:—

Youths under 18 years of age. Two pairs of sculls, in working watermen's skiffs that have been regularly employed on the ferry at least two months previous to regatta. First prize, £5; second, £2 and trophy. Course: From below flagship round flagboat off A.A. sheds, thence between red buoy and steamers' wharf, past flagship, round the red light beacon, back to flagship. All marks to be kept on the port hand.—Etna (L. Hickey and S. M'Innes; cox., Hughes), 1; Violet (J. Ward and J. Lindstrum; cox., Lindstrum), 2. Others starters: Mokai (J. Towns and J. Dempsey; cox., Crosse); Lamorna (J. Ross and J. Jordan; cox., Ross); Nautilus (H. Drainer and A. Gordon).

Dingies, 10ft., under canvas (handicap).—First prize, £12; second, £3; third, £1. Course: From a line between the starter's boat and Horse Ferry, past flagship, round No. 4 buoy, thence round boat off Sulphide Wharf, thence past flagboat off south-east end off dyke to flagship, twice over. Flying start. All marks to be kept on the port hand. Planet (T. Cunson), 1½ minute, 1; Columbia (F. Herbert), 4 minutes, 2; Elma (W. York), 3¼ minutes, 3. Other starters were: Olga (W. Holmes), scratch; Zanita (J. Smith), 1¼ minute; Crescent II. (C. Dunn), 1½; Ina (A. S. Andrews), 2; Procella (H. Pritchard), 2¼; Alpha (T. Timbrell), 2½; Australia (G. Towns), 2¾; Freada (E. Devereaux), 3½; Isabella (S. Thoroughgood), 4; Karush (O. A. Campbell), 5. The limit boat, Karush, maintained the lead during the first round, when she was hopelessly beaten. The Isabella capsized. The Procella, having swamped, retired, and the Britannia carried away the whole of her gear. The race between the placed boats was an exciting one, and resulted in a win for the Sydney craft by 1 minute, with two seconds only between second and third.

Champion Jubilee Cup, All-comers, single sculls, best boats (handicap).—First prize, £26 5s, with cup valued £3 3s; second, £4; third, £2. Course: From Sulphide Wharf, past boat off S.E. end of dyke, thence past red buoy opposite steamers' wharf, finishing at flagship; all marks to be kept on the starboard hand. C. Towns, 20 seconds behind scratch, 1; R. Tressider, 40 seconds behind scratch, 2; H. Pearce, 40 seconds behind scratch, 3. Other starters: T. Muncaster, scratch; C. Crosse, 15 seconds behind; N. Pellman, 20 seconds behind; E. Mansfield, 25 seconds behind; A. Worboys, 30 seconds behind; J. Bishop, 30 seconds behind. Warboys, the Wallsender, who had been looked upon as the probable winner, unfortunately capsized, and Pellman retired from the contest. Won by less than five lengths, a similar distance separating second and third.

Amateurs, pair sculls in Gladstone skiffs. First prize, £4; second, £1; third, trophy. Course: Same as No. 1.—H. Muncaster, 10 seconds behind scratch, 1; G. Kerr, 20 seconds behind scratch, 2; A. Proctor, scratch, 3. Won easily.

Watermen's Skiffs under working sails that have been regularly employed on the ferry at least two months previously to regatta; no fins; keel not more than 2in. deep; two men only; first prize £8, second £2, third £1; course same as No. 2, once round; boats in this event to provide moorings.—Nellie (W. Trelevan), 2½ minutes, 1; Bridena (W. Trelevan), scratch, 2; Airlie (R. M'Cracken), 2 minutes, 3. Other starters were: Nautilus (C. Trelevan), 1½ minute; Young Ted (M. Jordan), 2½ minutes; Champion (W. Tongue), 3 minutes. The finish was an exciting one, the Nellie winning by only 4 seconds.

The Jubilee Gift, Water Brigade Race. Boats not exceeding 28ft., four pairs sculls. First prize, £20; second, £4. If four boats compete in the final, a third prize of £2 will be given. Course, same as No. 3. The first and second boats in each heat to start in the final.—First heat: Grafton No. 1 Crew, Mr. Farthing's boat—G. Catt, L. Wicks, H. Hallette, W. Zeitch, cox. Brindle, 25lb, 1; East Maitland No. 1 Crew, Mr. Callen's boat—H. M'Fadyen, A. Jury, J. Bird, W. H. Towns, cox. M'Fadyen, 25lb, 2; West Maitland No. 2 Crew, Mr. Aubrey's boat—R. Brown, H. Shoesmith, H. Morris, —, cox. W. Varley, feather, 3. Won by three seconds. Second heat: West Maitland No. 1 Crew—L. Lethbridge, F. Dudley, C. Compton, jun., C. Lethbridge, cox. G. Stephens, feather, 1; West Maitland No. 3 Crew, Mr. Farthing's boat—J. Fulford, J. Webb, C. Bussell, W. Rogan, cox. Sharp, 25lb, 2; Grafton No. 2 Crew, Mr. Callen's boat—J. Greenaway, J. O'Sullivan, K. Chareman, H. Voeton, cox. Crighton, 25lb, 3. Final: Grafton No. 1 crew, 1; West Maitland No. 1 crew, 2; East Maitland crew, 3. The Grafton No. 1 crew led from the start, and amid intense excitement won with 30 seconds to spare.

The Jubilee Commemoration Prize, boats 18ft., under canvas (handicapped). First prize, £20; second, £2; third, £2. Course: Same as No. 2. Flying start.—Federal (F. Herbert, Newcastle), 1 minute, 1; Stella II. (W. Read, Sydney), scratch, 2; Australian (C. Webb, Sydney), 1 minute, 3. Other starters were: Ariel (A. Holmes), 3¼ minutes; Myall (W. Rutkin), 7; Arno (G. Deamer), 7. The Ariel led the first time round, when she partially swamped, and was passed by the Federal, Stella II., and Australian. The Ensign carried away her mast just after the start and retired. The Myall capsized. The scratch boat never caught the Federal, but a good race ensued. The win for the local boat by one minute was extremely popular.

Fishermen's Skiffs, under working sails, that have been employed regularly in net fishing on the Hunter River, no fins, depth of keel not to exceed 2in., unlimited crews. First prize, £8; second, £2; third, £1. Course: Same as No. 2, once round. Boats in this event to provide moorings.—Eva, 22ft. (G. Deamer), scratch, 1; Arielen, 22ft. (W. Ross), 2 minutes, 2; Dreadnought, 22ft. (D. Ross), 1 minute, 3. Other starters: New Chum, 22ft. 9in. (A. Campbell), scratch; Flirt, 22ft. (L. Morris), 1 minute; Amy, 22ft. (C. Gordon), 1 minute; Olga, 22ft. (J. Ross), 2 minutes; Hero, 22ft. (G. Nipper), 2 minutes; Frolic, 22ft. (D. Tressider), 2 minutes; Silver Tail, 18ft. (N. Ripley), 5 minutes. The scratch boat quickly assumed command, and won easily.

All-comers Two Pair Sculls (with coxswain), in licensed watermen's skiffs, that have been regularly employed on the ferry at least two months previous to regatta. First prize, £9; second, £3. Course: Same as No. 1.—Lamorna (R. Tressider and M. Bedford; cox., Jones), 50lb, 1; Etna (R. and J. Hickey; cox., Hughes), feather, 2; Mokio (J. and G. Ford; cox., Brown), feather, 3. The finish was a very close one, and the Lamorna won amidst great applause.

Tub Race. First prize, £1; second 10s; prize for best costume, £1 10s. Course: Round the flagship. Post entrance.—Beauchamp (Jack Kinnamount), 1; Blackbird (Geo. Langford), 2. Others starters: Pilot (E. M'Grath); The Boer (W. Read); and Port Hunter (W. Langford). E. M'Grath was awarded the prize for the best costume.

Merchants Ships and Steamer Boats (rowed by their crews), four oars with coxswain. First prize, £10; second, £2. Course: Same as No. 1. Post entrance.—Pass of Balmaha crew 1; Celtic Race crew, 2; City of Madras crew, 3. Other starters: Clan Galbraith, Nederland. Won with ease.

All-Comers Four Pair Sculls, with coxswain, in boats not exceeding 28ft.; first prize, £13; second, £3. Course: Same as No. 1 twice over.—W. Trelevan, G. Ford, R. and J. Hickey, cox. Hughes, 1; R. Tressider, M. and N. Bedford, A. Worboys, cox. Jones, 2; Partridge, Whalan, Morgan, Woods, cox. Smith, 0. Won by half a dozen lengths. The third crew retired.

Boats Under Canvas (not less than 14ft. in length).—First prize, £20; second, £3; third, £2; fourth, patent gafftopsail. Course: Same as No. 2, three times over. Flying start. Ariel, 18ft. (A. Holmes), 4½ minutes, 1; Newhaven, 18ft. (C. Stepwich), 5½ minutes, 2; Federal, 18ft. (F. Herbert), 1 minute, 3. Other starters: Stella II., 18ft. (W. Read), scratch; Mascotte, 25ft. 8in. (E. Woods), scratch; Australian, 18ft. (C. Webb), 1 minute; Romp, 18ft. (F. Aldrich), 5 minutes; Echo, 18½ft. (S. Thoroughgood), 10 minutes. Won by five minutes.

Men-of-War and Naval Brigade with coxswain, 5 oars, in whale boats; first prize £12, second £3. Course: same as No. 1.—First heat: Whale boat No. 3, Naval Brigade, J. Williams's crew, 1; whale boat No. 2, H.M.S. Lizard, stokers' crew, 2. Second heat: Whale boat No. 3, Naval Brigade, R. Leslie's crew, 1; whale boat No. 2, H.M.S. Lizard, marine crew, 2. Final: Naval Brigade, J. Williams's crew, 1; Naval Brigade, R. Leslie's crew, 2. Won easily.

At the conclusion of the proceedings an impromptu meeting was held on the main deck of the flagship, when Mr. C. H. Hannell was thanked and cheered for his indefatigable energy in promoting the regatta and carrying it to such a successful issue. Subsequently the officials of the regatta adjourned to the master's cabin, where the health of Captain Henderson was proposed by Mr. Hannell, and suitably responded to.

ACCIDENT TO A DOCTOR.

Late on Sunday evening Dr. J. B. Nash, of Wallsend, was thrown from his horse whilst returning home from Jesmond, and was picked up in an unconscious condition. It appears that he was in the act of mounting the animal when it bolted with him. Upon being thrown to the ground his head came in contact with the stump of a tree, causing severe injuries and concussion of the brain. He is under the attendance of his brother, Dr. Andrew Nash, of Lambton, and at a late hour to-night was reported to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

At the Victoria Theatre to-night Ernest Hogan's company of negro minstrels produced "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to a house crowded to its utmost capacity in every part. The piece was staged in a creditable manner, and the audience demonstrated its appreciation by frequent applause.

Numerous excursions and picnics were provided for to-day's holiday, the most enjoyable of which, perhaps, was a trip to Port Stephens by the Newcastle and Hunter River Steam Navigation Company's steamer Namoi. A band was engaged, and the holiday-makers landed at Nelson's Bay for three hours.

In connection with the Salvation Army a young soldiers' demonstration took place at the barracks, Auckland-street, to-night, the object being to bid farewell to Staff-Captain and Mrs. Baird, who are leaving the district.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Rosebery Park to-day, the first event starting at 2.30 p.m. Supplementary to the ordinary service to Botany a special tram will leave Bent-street at 12.55 p.m. Special omnibuses will, as usual, run to and from the course.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. will, at 2.30 p.m. to-day, commence a sale of racehorses, brood mares, and untried thoroughbred stock, at the Newmarket Stables, Randwick. In addition to the lots already catalogued the following well-known performers will be submitted:—Flodden, Henry, Chaplain, Bullomin, Welfare, and Crinan. Full particulars can be seen in the business portion of the paper.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington on Wednesday, 10th instant, and entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, before 5 p.m. on Friday next. The card can be seen in our advertising sheets.

Entries are due with the secretary, Mr. J. Demeade, before 4 p.m. to-day for the half-dozen events to be decided at the Rosehill January Meeting. Particulars of the programme are set forth in our business columns.

The programme of the Anniversary Meeting of the Sydney Turf Club requires attention to-day at the hands of owners and trainers, as entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, before 4 p.m. The principal races are the Challenge Stakes, 6 furlongs, with 250 sovs. added, to be run on the first day; and the Anniversary Handicap of 350 sovs., 1½ mile, to be run on the second day. Further particulars will be found in the advertising columns.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Brighton on Friday next. The events are enumerated in the advertising sheets.

Immediately after the running of Tattersall's Club Cup yesterday the stewards of the Australian Jockey Club decided to hold an investigation into the apparently inconsistent running of the chestnut mare Mora in the Christmas Handicap, decided at the A.J.C. Summer Meeting on Boxing Day, and the owner (Mr. E. Knight), trainer (R. O'Connor), and jockey (F. Fielder) are summoned to attend a meeting on Thursday next at the office of the club.

The 24 events decided during the four days' races held by the A.J.C. and Tattersall's Club on December 23, 26, 29, and January 1, were divided among the progeny of 18 stallions, two of Mr. Charles Baldwin's importations—Metal and Canzoni—dividing the honours with three winners each. Coralie won the two big sprint races—Villiers Stakes and Carrington Stakes—for Canzoni, and Blue Metal won the Summer Cup for Metal. Gozo, with whom Metal is now dividing the honours at Tucka Tucka stud, is third on the list with two wins and a second, Vocalist supplying the second in the Summer Cup, and a win in Tattersall's Cup. Cranbrook comes next with the two wins of his fine sons, St. Clare and Tam o' Shanter; and Lochiel follows with one win and four seconds. Argo won a race and ran three seconds for the defunct Nordenfeldt. Eiridspord (imp.), Lennox, Farewell, and Grand Flaneur were each credited with a win and a second, while one win was registered to Haut Brion (imp.), Trenton, Medallion, Chatham, Bill of Portland (imp.), Splendor (imp.), Forest King, and First Demon.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The New Year's Day meeting of the V.R.C. was carried out successfully at Flemington to-day, and was fairly well attended. A programme of half a dozen events furnished splendid sport, and the racing was happily free from serious mishap.

New Year Hurdles of 200 sovs. and sweep of 2 sovs.—2 miles.

Loch Fad, by Lochiel—Seagull, 5 years, 11st 7lb (A. Allen)	1
Duello, 9st 2lb (O'Brien)	2
Mystery, 12st 5lb (Mooney)	3

Other starters: Redeemer, 12st 2lb (Skirving); Nansen, 10st 11lb (Horstead); Collendina, 10st 9lb (J. Smith); Parrakeet, 10st 7lb (J. S. Edge); Widderin, 10st 8lb (A. Williams); Reindeer, 10st 3lb (Tie); Tecoma, 10st (Boxendale); Signal, 9st 10lb (M'Intosh); Kingdom, 9st (Glennon).

Betting: 6 to 4 v. Loch Fad, 8 to 1 v. Parrakeet, 10 to 1 each v. Nansen and Duello, 12 to 1 v. Widderin or any other.

Duello made nearly all the running. He had a good lead around the back, but at the home turn Loch Fad, who always had a good position got on terms, and the favourite leading into the straight won as he liked by six lengths from Duello, who beat Mystery by a couple of lengths. Widderin was close up fourth. Then came Signal, Nansen, Kingdom, Redeemer, and Tecoma, with Collendina last. Time, 3 minutes 4½ seconds.

Standish Handicap of 25 sovs., and sweepstakes of 5 sovs.—6 furlongs.

Silvermoor, by Town Moor—Silvermere, 8st 13lb (Egan)	1
Mr. J. Leek's ch m Veloce, 7st 13lb (Leek)	2
Mr. W. R. Wilson's b f Symmetry, 8st 12lb (Morrison)	3

Other starters: Hopscotch (Pegrum); Fitzroy (R. Lewis); Wild Olive, 9st 5lb (Stanmore); Kobold, 8st 12lb (Foulsham); Alva, 8st 10lb (Moran); Carrara, 8st 5lb (Guinane); Howlong, 8st 4lb (Swan); Glenroy, 7st 12lb (Cooper); Konning, 7st 11lb (Smith); Liberty, 7st 10lb (Trainor); Report, 7st 10lb (M'Namara); Keylese, 7st 10lb (Wheeler); Bushy Park, 7st 8lb (Redfearn); Galbinar, 7st 2lb (O'Neill); Novus, 7st (Richards); Golden Key, 7st (Cherry); Angus, 6st 12lb (W. Ross); King Olaf, 7st, including 7lb over; Starling, 6st 7lb (Minter.)

Betting: 5 to 1 v. Carrara, 6 to 1 v. Starling, 8 to 1 v. Kobold, 10 to 1 each v. Symmetry, Silvermoor, Veloce, and others.

Alva went off with the lead, and was almost immediately passed by Symmetry, who led to the half-mile post from Angus, Liberty, and Carrara. At the course proper Alva again took charge, with Kobold second and Veloce coming fast on the outside. Silvermoor dashed to the front at the distance, and, though hotly pressed, won by a short head from Veloce. Symmetry was a couple of lengths off, third, and Kobold fourth, with Wild Olive, Novus, Starling, and Carrara next, and Keylese last. Time, 1 minute 14¾ seconds.

January Steeplechase of 200 sovs. and sweep of 2 sovs.—About 2½ miles.

Wherneside, by Glorious—Mildura, 13st 2lb (Mooney)	1
Homer, 10st 10lb (Williams)	2
Count, 10st 3lb (Waller)	3

Other starters: Land's End, 12st 7lb (Howard); Flat Iron, 9st 8lb (J. Smith).

Betting: Even money on Wherneside, 7 to 2 v. Count, 7 to 1 v. Flat Iron.

Flat Iron went off with the lead and retained it for two-thirds of the journey. Land's End fell at the first of the treble. Wherneside went to the front at the abattoirs and leading to the end won easily by a couple of lengths from Homer, with Count 10 lengths off third. Flat Iron was a bad last. Time, 5 minutes 16 seconds.

Bagot Handicap of 400 sovs. and sweepstakes of 8 sovs.—1½ mile.

The Bride, by Escutcheon—Excelsior (R. Lewis)	1
Sedge, 7st 3lb (R. M'Namara)	2
Miss Carbine, 7st (Cherry)	3

Other starters: Ballistite, 8st 12lb (Guinan); Fitzroy, 8st 9lb (Morrison); Disfigured, 8st (Moore); Model, 7st 3lb (Diedrich); Carbinier, 7st 3lb (D. Fisher); Tabilk, 6st 11lb (Minter); Ideal, 6st 7lb (W. Daniels).

Betting: 4 to 1 each v. The Bride and Carbinier, 5 to 1 v. Tabilk, 7 to 1 v. Miss Carbine, 8 to 1 v. Disfigured, 10 to 1 v. others.

Carbinier went off with the lead from The Bride, Ballistite, Disfigured, and Ideal, with Sedge last. They entered the straight in this order, and turned out of it with Carbinier, Ideal, The Bride, Ballistite, and Disfigured forming the leading division, all being well together. Passing the sheds Carbinier was just in front of Fitzroy, Miss Carbine, The Bride, Ideal, and Tabilk, with Ballistite last. Miss Carbine went to the front at the turn, with Tabilk, Carbinier, and Disfigured in close attendance. Entering the straight Sedge moved up to second place, with The Bride going well third. A fine finish was fought out by Miss Carbine, Sedge, and The Bride, the favourite winning by three-parts of a length from Sedge, with Miss Carbine a couple of lengths off third. Tabilk, Disfigured, Carbinier, and Fitzroy were next, and Ballistite last. Time, 2 minutes 44 seconds.

Criterion Handicap of 300 sovs., and sweep of 5 sovs.

Epitome, by Ascot Vale—Epi, 7st 6lb (W. Ross)	1
Fides 9st (R. Lewis)	2
Rumour, 7st (F. Dunn)	3

Other starters: The Idler, 8st 10lb (Cooper); Verne, 7st 11lb (Moran); Rothwell, 7st 6lb (S. O. Thomas); Safeguard, 7st 2lb (Minter); Urbanity, 6st 13lb (D. Smith); The Union Jack, 7st, including 2lb over; Little Lady, 6st 10lb (E. Turner); Flagship, 6st 7lb (S. D. Fisher).

Betting: 2 to 1 v. Fides, 5 to 1 v. Epitome, 6 to 1 v. Rumour, 7 to 1 v. Rothwell and Little Lady.

Epitome and Fides on the extreme outside, and Rumour near the inside rails, made all the running, Epitome eventually winning by three-quarters of a length from Fides, with Rumour a couple of lengths off third. Verne, Little Lady, Rothwell, The Union Jack, and Flagship were next, and Urbanity last. Time, 1 minute 2½ seconds.

Welter Handicap.—1 mile.

Landscape, by Richelieu—Picture, 8st 7lb (Callanan)	1
Benvolio, 8st (W. Redfern)	2
Bacchus, 10st 5lb (G. Wheeler)	3

Other starters: Report, 9st 12lb (Macnamara); Keylese, 9st 8lb (Swan); Musgo, 9st 6lb (J. Thomas); Ascot, 9st 8lb (Pegrum); Burrabari, 8st 10lb (Tomlin); The Undine, 8st (R. Lewis); Carlotus, 8st 7lb, including 7lb penalty (W. Richards); Wee Jim, 8st 1lb, including 1lb over (W. Burn).

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Benvolio, 5 to 1 v. Landscape, 6 to 1 v. Bacchus, 8 to 1 v. Report, Ascot, and Carlotus, 10 to 1 v. any other.

The Undine and Wee Jim went off with the lead, and after going a furlong The Undine, Carlotus, Benvolio, and Report formed the leading division. With the field well together they rounded the turn in this order, but Carlotus was first into the straight from Benvolio, Landscape, and Bacchus. Benvolio secured the lead at the distance, but was unable to shake off Landscape, the pair finishing a dead heat, with Bacchus a couple of lengths off third. Carlotus, Musgo, and The Undine were next, and Ascot last. Time, 1 minute 43½ seconds.

The owners of the dead-heaters agreed to divide the prize.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The S.A.J.C. held its summer meeting at Morphettville to-day. The weather was unpleasantly hot. The attendance was good. Subjoined are the results:—

Welter Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. A. E. Press's Lady Melbourne, by Richmond—Delaware (Egan), 1; Mr. Hepwood's Out Mantel (Hopwood), 2; Mr. Weatheral's Lord Kitchener (Matthews), 3. Thirteen others started. Amount invested in totalisator, £1098 15s; dividend, £5 10s. Won easily. Idler was a long way off fourth, with the others at long intervals. No time was taken.

Hurdle Race, 2 miles.—Mr. James's Duke, by Wellington—Beeswax, 9st 9lb (Joskin), 1; Mr. Terry's Phantom, 9st (Burke), 2; Mr. Hope Murray's Regent, 10st 7lb (Ferry), 3. Three others started. Amount invested in totalisator, £1222 15s; dividend, £12 9s. Won by a length, with two lengths between second and third; Filbert was next, with Jack last. Time, 3 minutes 59 seconds.

New Year's Gift, 1½ mile.—Mr. J. Crozier's Gungadin, by Carlyon—Brown Alice, 8st 10lb (Hodgkins), 1; Mr. Gordon's Celia, 7st 2lb (Master Gordon), 2; Mr. Cross's Goodwill, 8st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Pedinga (Egan), Bunyan (M'Eahill), Fadladeen (Matthews), Thunder King (Deveney), Thorinda (Howie), Pythian (Willis), Respond (Poynter), Lady Melbourne (Press), Miraculum (Callaghan). Amount invested in the totalisator, £1850 5s; dividend, £2 7s. Gungadin took charge of affairs at the half distance and, stalling off a late run by Celia, won by a length. Goodwill was half a length away, third; Lady Melbourne fourth, with Thorinda last. Time, 2 minutes 45 4-5 seconds.

St. Leonards Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Mr. Quinn's Research, 7st 12lb (M'Eahill), 1; Mr. Blackler's Football, 8st 4lb (M'Cann), 2; Mr. Quinn's Bircher, 7st 5lb (Matthews), 3. Twelve others started. Amount invested in totalisator, £1315 15s; dividend, £12 10s. Research took charge at the half distance, and just managed to beat Football home by a long head. Bircher was a length and a half away third, Oxygen was next, with Philosopher last. Time, 1 minute 6 1-5 seconds.

Jumpers' Flat Race, 1 mile 5 furlongs.—Mr. Maples' Bethnal, by Neckersgat—Maritana, 11st 2lb (Deveney), 1; Mr. Maples' Mort Avis, 11st 2lb (Holmes), 2; Mr. Oliver's Mermaid, 9st (Coad), 3. Seven other started. Amount invested in the totalisator, £174 15s; dividend, £2 12s. Bethnal led all the way, and won by a head. Mermaid was a length and a half away third, and Netherby next, with Trentalto last. Time, 3 minutes 2 1-5 seconds.

Marino Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Quinn's Once More, by Thunderbolt—De Capo, 9st (C. Quinn), 1; Mr. James' Sunny Morn, 7st 13lb (Deveney), 2; Mr. May's Burnside, 7st 12lb (M. Quinn), 3. Ten others started. Amount invested in the totalisator, £1639; dividend, £8 4s. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The weather was fine and the attendance large on the second day of the Second Summer meeting of the Queensland Turf Club. An amount of £4228 passed through the totalisator. Appended are the results:—

Goodwood Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Lazarillo, by Little Bernie—Maritana, 7st 10lb (A. Scott), 1; Veronica, 7st 7lb (C. Gallimore), 2; Fortune Teller, 9st 4lb (W. Stewart), 3. Other starters: Notre Dame, Little John, Gala, Satrap, Reverberation, Malula, and Comet. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Fortune Teller, 4 to 1 v. Notre Dame, 5 to 1 each v. Veronica and Lazarillo, 6 to 1 v. Gala, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds. Dividend, £2 7s.

Graduation Plate, 6 furlongs.—Fairval, 8st (A. Henkel), 1; Mungborn, 7st 13lb (Stewart), 2; Three Pile, 7st 11lb (Nichamara), 3. Other starters: Loch Lairs, Russell, Limerick, Musket, Palermo, Protection, Cassandra, Miss Bernie, and Exit. Betting: 8 to 4 v. Mungborn, 4 to 1 v. Protection, 5 to 1 v. Palermo, 6 to 1 v. Miss Bernie, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths, second and third being separated by half a length. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds. Dividend, £10 2s. [illegible] Reserve, £12 3s.

Midsummer Handicap, 1½ mile.—Bombshell, by Scots Grey—Ivy, 7st 10lb (W. Bradshaw), 1; Brazen Lad, 9st 4lb (Stewart), 2; The Guard, 7st 9lb (J. Mooney), 3. Other starters: Bucolic, Reprobate, Memento, Imagination, Sam, Rapier, Camarilla, Brazenface. Betting: 4 to 1 each v. Brazen Lad and The Guard, 5 to 1 each v. Imagination and Bombshell, 10 to 1 each v. Bucolic and Memento, 12 to 1 each v. Reprobate, Camarilla, and Sam, 20 to 1 v. Brazenface, 50 to 1 v. Rapier. From the six-furlongs post Memento led by two lengths from Camarilla, Brazenface, and Imagination. Brazen Lad maintained a lead passing the half mile post, where Bombshell moved up. At the quarter mile post Memento, Brazen Lad, and The Guard were on even terms. Entering the straight, Bombshell came with a fast run on the outside, reaching home an easy winner by four lengths, half a length separating second and third. Time: 2 minutes 12½ seconds. Dividend, £3 14s.

Second Novice Handicap, 1 mile and a distance.—Ladylike, by Hilltop—dam by Zetland, 8st 5lb (C. Taylor), 1; On Guard, 9st 4lb (Rogers), 2; Murella, 8st 11lb (Mooney), 3. Other starters: Musician, Protection, Miss Bernie. Betting: 5 to 4 on The Guard, 4 to 1 v. Protection, 5 to 1 each v. Musician and Ladylike, 6 to 1 v. Murella, 10 to 1 v. Miss Bernie. Won by a neck, half a length separating second and third. Time, 2 minutes 2¼ seconds. Dividend, £2 19s.

Selling Plate, 6 furlongs.—Prince Edward, by Clayton—Princess Irene, 7st 5lb (Gallimore), 1; Warfare, 6st 4lb (F. Byrnes), 2; Fairval, 7st 10lb (A. Henkel), 3. Other starters: Gala, Malula, Phil May, Cliquot, Oddfellow II., Kauri, Rockinvham, Response, Chalcedony. Betting: 4 to 1 each v. Fairval and Cliquot, 5 to 1 each v. Prince Edward and Gala, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by half a length, a neck separating second and third. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds. Dividend, £3 5s.

Eagle Farm Handicap, 1 mile.—Little John, by Archie—Little Jennie, 8st 2lb (F. Morgan), 1; Brazen Lad, 9st 7lb (Stewart), 2; The Guard, 7st 11lb (Mooney), 3. Other starters: Valorous, Little Tartar, Bob Ray, Reprobate, Bombshell, Golden Spray. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Bombshell, 3 to 1 v. Valorous, 5 to 1 v. Little Tartar, 7 to 1 v. Brazen Lad, 8 to 1 each v. The Guard and Golden Spray, 10 to 1 v. others. Little John led all the way. Won by four lengths, half a length separating second and third. Time 1 minute 44½ seconds. Dividend, £13 13s.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THIRD DAY.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

The Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club was continued to-day, when the contests for the principal events resulted as follows:—

Great Northern Derby, 1½ mile.—Mr. D. A. M'Leod's b f Miss Delaval, by Seaton Delaval—Campanis, 1; Major F. Nelson George's ch c Seaborne, by Nelson—Moonga, 2; Mr. G. G. Stead's b c St. Ilario, by St. Leger—Cissy, 3. Won by a neck. Time, 2 minutes 43¼ seconds.

A.R.C. Handicap, 1½ mile.—Mr. L. D. Nathan's bl c Explosion, by Cuirassier—Jadestone, 1; Mr. J. Roulson's b c Record Reign, by Castor—Winnie, 2; Mr. G. G. Stead's br g Skobeloff, by Stepniak—Pibroch, 3. Time, 2 minutes 39 seconds.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Following are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington to-morrow:—

Novice Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—My Bird, 8st 10lb; Storm King, 8st 10lb; Florice, 8st 2lb; Flitaway, 7st 12lb; Vernon, 7st 12lb; Youkong, 7st 12lb; Lady, 7st 10lb; Nyrang, 7st 10lb; Empress, 7st 9lb; Lady Lind, 7st 6lb; Red Flag, 7st 6lb; Rosella, 7st 6lb; Nimblefoot, 7st; Dominie, 7st; Rainbow, 7st; Nailer, 7st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Portia, 9st 7lb; Fawn, 9st 3lb; Dryad, 8st 7lb; Frawney, 8st 7lb; Adelaide; Ascot, 8st 2lb; Princess, 8st; Dolly, 7st 12lb; Leo, 7st 4lb; Aimie Hay, 7st; Sings, 7st.

Fourteen-three Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—Fantasy, 9st 7lb; Actress, 9st; Minimus, 9st; Lento, 8st 9lb; Silverstream, 8st 9lb; Leader, 7st 11lb; Ensign, 7st 8lb; Charity, 7st 4lb; Charmain, 7st 3lb; Ziemer, 7st; Lady Lind, 7st.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—Myalba, 9st 3lb; Key West, 9st 2lb; Miss Tobin, 8st; Thirza, 8st; Maltese, 7st 12lb; Lady Grey, 7st 8lb; Dreamland, 7st 6lb; Bob, 7st 6lb; Ellen, 7st 1lb; Bill Brown, 7st 1lb; Sir Edward II., 7st; Sir Isaac, 7st; Dairymaid, 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5½ furlongs.—Baabe, 9st 3lb; Overture, 8st 10lb; Portia, 8st 5lb; Lady Sturt, 8st 3lb; Lal Manton, 8st; Ranji, 7st 12lb; Aimee, 7st 7lb; Miss Mannix, 7st 6lb; Pride, 7st 6lb; Zeno, 7st.

Kensington Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Overdue, 9st 4lb; Fantasy, 9st; Minimus, 8st 10lb; Bonny, 8st 7lb; Jasper, 8st 4lb; Toledo, 7st 8lb; Cinder, 7st 6lb; Constance, 7st; Manildra, 7st; Oxide, 7st.

PENRITH PICNIC RACES.

PENRITH, Monday.

The Penrith Picnic races were held to-day. Mr. J. B. Laskie acted as judge, and Mr. E. J. Bussland as secretary. The attendance was large. Every race except the Handicap was well contested. Following are the results:—

Pony Handicap, ½-mile.—H. Craig's Adella, 8st 3lb, 1; E. Joyce's Zillah, 2. Nine others started. Betting: 5 to 4 on Adella, 2 to 1 v. Zillah, 10 to 1 v. others.

Flying Handicap, ½-mile.—Vicaup's Quadron, 8st 4lb, 1; Robinson's Toombo, 8st, 2. Other starters: King, 9st 12lb; Surplus, 9st 1lb; Creeper, 8st 7lb; More Yet, 8st 7lb; Aten, 8st 7lb; Craigen, 8st; Old Chief, 6st. Betting: 3 to 1 bar one. Time, 54 seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Dryad, 8st 13lb, 1; Dreamland, 8st 7lb, 2. Other starters: Zillah, 8st 7lb; Trilby, 8st 7lb; War Eagle, 7st. Won easily. Time, 54½ seconds.

Selling Race, half a mile.—Cuegra, 1; Quadron, 2. Creeper was bought in for 10 guineas and Quadron was sold for £10 15s. Time, 53 4-5 seconds.

Handicap Trot, twice round the course.—This was a procession. Ariel, on 630 yards, won all the way. The other starters were: Billy, Poppett, Lady Lynn, and Miss, scratch; Hazel Girl, 100 yards behind; Nelly, 150 yards behind. Time, 6 minutes 48 seconds.

Hack Race, half-mile.—St. Andrew, 8st 7lb, 1. Ten starters. Time, 53 3-5 seconds.

Commercial Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Wombo, 8st, 1; Craizen, 8st, 2. Other starters: Dryad, 8st 12lb; Ovill, 8st 7lb; Creeper, 8st. Time, 1 minute 21 1-5 seconds.

HASTINGS RIVER JOCKEY CLUB.

PORT MACQUARIE, Monday.

The Hastings River Jockey Club Races were opened to-day in fine weather. There was a good attendance. Following are the results:—

Flying Handicap.—Ombre, by Matador, 1; Stranger, 2. Hack Race.—Radical, 1; Factory Girl, 2; Zarina, 3. New Year's Gift.—Eileen, by Corinth, 1; Victoria, 2; Donald, 3.

Ladies' Mile.—Aboriginal, 1. Stranger fell.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Captain L. A. Leslie reports that the Gabo left Brisbane at 5.12 p.m. on December 30, rounded Cape Moreton at 10.30 p.m. same day, passed Cape Byron, at 9.55 a.m. on the 31st, Smoky Cape at 2.35 a.m. on January 1, Port Stephens at noon, and entered the Heads at 7.20 p.m. Experienced strong south-westerly winds and heavy rain to Cape Byron, thence light to fresh N.E. winds, and fine weather to arrival.

Captain C. J. Nightingall reports that the steamer Coolgardie left Melbourne at 7.30 p.m. on December 29, cleared Port Phillip Heads at 11.30 p.m., rounded Wilson's Promontory at 7.50 a.m. on the 30th, Gabo Island at 2.12 a.m. on the 31st, signalled at Point Perpendicular at 2.50 p.m., entered Sydney Heads at 10.35 p.m., moored at A.U.S.N. Company's wharf at 11.45 p.m. Experienced light to moderate winds and fine weather.

Captain M. Livingston reports that the Koonya arrived at 3.45 p.m. yesterday. She left Devonport at 4.15 a.m. on the 30th ultimo, Deal Island abeam at 4 p.m. on the same day, rounded Gabo at 9.20 a.m., and Montague abeam at 8.40 p.m. on the 31st, entered the Heads at 3 p.m. on the 1st, and arrived at the company's wharf as above. Experienced moderate N.E. breeze and clear weather to Gabo, thence strong northerly and head sea to arrival.

Captain J. E. Meaburn reports that the Wodonga left Melbourne at 3.30 p.m. on the 30th ultimo, rounded Wilson's Promontory at 1.55 a.m. and Gabo Island at 4.5 p.m. on the 31st ultimo, and arrived at Sydney at 11.30 a.m. on the 1st instant. Experienced moderate N.E. winds and fine weather.

THE AUSTRALIAN.

This popular and handsome steamer, from Japan and China, came in yesterday and berthed at the E. and A. Wharf, Captain P. T. Helms, who has with him as chief Mr. Shaw, reports having left Kobe on November 27, arrived at Hongkong December 3, left December 8, arrived Timor December 16, arrived at Port Darwin December 18, arrived at Thursday Island December 21, calling at Cooktown and Cairns on December 23; arrived at Townsville December 24, left December 25, and arrived at Brisbane December 29; left on December 30 at 5 p.m., and arrived at Sydney on January 1. Experienced fresh N.E. winds, with moderate sea and fine weather from Japan to the equator, then light S.E. winds and fine weather as far as Townsville, departing from Townsville on December 25 at 1.30 a.m. Encountered a strong S.E. wind and heavy rain till off Gloucester Head (noon), there increasing to a fierce gale and blinding rain, and high confused seas, and on reaching Whitsunday Passage it became so thick that nothing could be seen, so took shelter in Port Molle at 5 p.m., December 25. At noon on the 26th the weather cleared a little, so got under weigh. Still blowing strong and raining, and had to take shelter again under Cape Hillsborough. At 2 a.m. on the 27th, the wind having hauled to N.E. and clearing, started. Sighted the Pearcy Islands at noon, still blowing very hard, with a high confused sea and blinding rain. Towards midnight the wind shifted to N.W., blowing harder than ever, with fiercer squalls and blinding rain and high sea. On the 28th the gale moderated a little, squalls still very fierce, and high confused sea. The Australian has, as usual, arrived in the pink of order, and the passengers speak of her in glowing terms as a sea-boat, the test being the cyclone by which the ship was assailed on the way down.

THE ARAWATTA IN A HEAVY STORM.

The Arawatta arrived yesterday at 10.30 a.m. from Queensland, Captain Marcus M. Osborne reports having left Cooktown on December 22, calling at the usual ports en route, leaving Brisbane at 4.50 p.m. on December 30, passed Smoky Cape at 6.8 p.m. on the 31st, entered Sydney Heads at 9.40 a.m. on January 1, and arrived at the company's wharf as mentioned. She rounded Cape Moreton in a strong W.S.W. gale, with head seas, and heavy rain squalls to Cape Byron, thence to arrival clearing to light winds and fine weather.

Captain Osborne gives the following report of the voyage of the Arawatta from Townsville:—The Arawatta, s., left Townsville at 2.30 p.m. on December 25, with strong S. winds and overcast sky, which increased to a gale with thick rain as Bowen was approached, and caused a delay of two hours, the captain being unable to pick up the lights; arrived at Bowen jetty at 3 a.m., and left at 5 a.m. on 26th, in a blinding rain. A fierce gale was blowing, and on approaching Whitsunday Passage it was so thick that nothing could be seen at any distance, which necessitated turning back, and anchoring under Gormston Point. At 1.30 p.m. the weather cleared a little and the steamer proceeded, but on making Dent Island it came on worse than ever. She then anchored in Puritan Bay, and got under way again at midnight, with clearer weather. Reached Flattop anchorage at 5.30 a.m. on the 27th, when a heavy westerly gale was blowing, with fierce squalls, and the barometer falling rapidly. Proceeded at 7 a.m., and as the steamer approached the Percy Islands the wind backed to the north, with blinding rain. Sighted Buller Island at 8 p.m. The weather was still thick and blowing a north-easterly gale. Hove-to, and at midnight approached the wind suddenly fell calm for a short time, and it shifted into the north-west at 1 a.m. on the 28th, and blew fiercer than ever, with blinding rain and high sea. Stood in at 4 a.m., the weather clearing a little, and eventually anchored in Keppel Bay at 8 a.m., when the gale was moderating and the weather was clearer. On reaching Keppel Bay found the Tamandra bank buoy had been washed away. While in Keppel Bay the weather cleared up, and wind came light from the north. Left Keppel Bay at 1 p.m., and experienced heavy squalls and rain, with much thunder and lightning off Sandy Cape, and fresh southerly winds and head sea to arrival. The lowest reading of the barometer when in the storm centre was 29.25 at 1 a.m. Thursday, December 28, and at 4 a.m. it had risen to 29.48; aneroid barometer, lowest reading, 29.35. The steamer came through in tip-top style, and on arrival showed no traces of the fearful tussle she had had with the elements.

THE TYSER LINE.

The new steamer Tomoana, which left Wellington on November 8, arrived at London on December 29.

THE CURRIE LINE.

Messrs. Archibald Currie's new steamer Euryalus, from Calcutta, yesterday arrived to the agents, Messrs. Cowlishaw Brothers. The Euryalus left Calcutta on December 2, and cleared the Ganges on the following day. She rounded Cape Leeuwin on December 18, and arrived at Adelaide on the 22nd, discharging 2800 tons of cargo. She continued the passage on the following day, passing Cape Otway at 4 p.m. on the 25th. There were strong variable winds to the equator, the S.E. trades being taken in lat. 9 S. and lost in lat. 27 S. Southerly and S.W. winds were experienced to Cape Leeuwin, followed by easterly and N.E. and fine weather to arrival. The steamer left Melbourne at 7 p.m. on the 30th, rounded Gabo Island at 4 p.m. on the 31st, and arrived in Sydney at 7 p.m. yesterday. She experienced strong northerly winds round the coast.

THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The steamer Strathord, to Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. from New York in the above line, arrived yesterday. She left Sandy Hook on October 21, and had strong N.E. and E. winds. The coal bunkers were replenished at St. Vincent on November 6, leaving the following day. The equator was crossed on November 12 in long. 16 W., the steamer encountering S.E. trades and high sea. She took W. winds on November 27 in lat. 38.30 S. and long. 26.28 E. The easting was run down in about lat. 42 S., and strong winds, mostly from N.W., were met. She passed Cape Leeuwin on December 16 in lat. 42 S. The Strathord is owned in Glasgow by Messrs. M'Laren and M'Laren. Captain Forsyth, who is in charge, has the following officers:—W. Robertson, first; W. Bain, second; T. Spence, third; and C. Stewart, chief engineer.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.

To-day, being New Year's Day, was observed as a general public holiday.

The maintenance of its colonies by Germany during the year 1898 cost that country in subsidies the sum of £1100 over and above the value of the trade. That is the conclusion arrived at by the "Financial Times." The way in which the result was worked out by the journal quoted is exemplified in the subjoined article:—

The official statistics of German trade with the German colonies in the year 1898 plainly indicate that the Germans have much to learn in the way of administering such possessions. The figures show that the value of the total imports received by Germany from her colonies was £330,000, while her exports, including silver coins, were £307,405, the total trade therefore amounting to £738,300. As against this the subsidies to these colonies and protectorates for 1899 aggregate £739,400, or £1100 more than the value of the total trade in 1898. But this outlay does not by any means include the whole of the expenditure connected with the Kaiser's colonies. In addition to the amount mentioned there are the expenses in regard to Samoa, a sum of £6000 paid as subventions to steamship lines, and further expenditure on postal and telegraph administration, naval stations, and the services of the Foreign Office. Under these circumstances it is rather surprising why Germany is possessed with such cravings for new territories. For years past her colonies have been worked practically at a loss, and until the present bureaucratic system is abolished there seems little prospect of better results. This is practically admitted by the fact that German traders, instead of following their country's flag, prefer to do business in British territory. At the time of the outbreak in Samoa a great deal was said about the value of German trade in the islands, yet what do the statistics show? In 1898 the value of the imports to Germany amounted to a paltry £250, while the value of the goods exported there from Germany reached the magnificent total of £4750. Of this amount £450 was represented by beer and £900 by umbrellas and parasols. Why there should have been such a demand for umbrellas and parasols does not appear, but it certainly suggests that the Samoans are just a little extravagant in that direction, especially as they only spent half the amount in beer. Turning to the individual colonies, we find that the best results, so far as the balance of trade is concerned, are ostensibly shown by German East Africa. The German exports to these possessions were £166,250, while the imports were £28,800. The position, however, is by no means so satisfactory as it appears, as included in the figures of the exports are coined silver to the value of £4400, and artillery ammunition to the value of £6800. In regard to the statistics of German South-west Africa, the totals are also somewhat misleading. In this case the exports from Germany are valued at £144,700, as against imports amounting to £9200. On dissecting the figures it will be found that among the exports are included the cost of the rails and other materials for the railway line which is being built at the expense of the Empire. The exports from New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago are set down at £13,550, or £3250 more than the colony purchases from the mother country, while the trade balance with German West Africa is still more unsatisfactory. In this case the value of the imports from Germany was £182,150, while the exports to the colony were only £178,300. Here again, figuring amongst the imports is an item of £5400 representing coined silver and of £25,700 for gunpowder. Some of the latter is no doubt for the use of the Government troops in the colony, but what quantity comes under this head we have no means of ascertaining. It may be assumed, however, that the largest proportion was retained for this purpose, as it is scarcely likely that the authorities would permit free trade in gunpowder with the natives.

IMPORT MARKET.

Yesterday were published the Bonded Stocks at the end of each of the past five years. Some of the details are of particular significance. Take the stocks of rum for instance. Here a shrinkage of over 50 per cent. is noticeable in quarters, and an even more marked decline in hogsheads, while octaves have diminished to almost vanishing point. It is clear from these figures that the high prices that have recently ruled in the market of supply have had a very material effect on importation, thus causing a reduction in reserve stock. Following the tendency of the last few years bulk brandy is giving way to the case article, though even it is little better than stationary. The stocks of whisky, on the other hand, have increased considerably, not probably through any falling-off in the demand, but owing to the necessity of holding larger stocks to cater for a rapidly growing trade. There are over 10,000 cases more of this line in bond to-day than 12 months ago. White spirit shows a falling-off. Geneva, which has been steady for some years, has shrunk somewhat, in schnapps the decline is most striking, amounting during the year to between 6000 and 7000 cases, or nearly 50 per cent. Gin remained fairly steady, while liqueurs were also about on a par with earlier years, being somewhat less than in 1898, but rather more than at the end of the years immediately preceding. Stocks of still wine in bulk and case have increased, the former rather smartly. Sparkling wines on the other hand exhibit a shrinkage. Less bulk beer and about the same quantity of the case article was held in bond as last year at this period.

Lines other than liquors show movements no less interesting. Stocks of sugar may be regarded as about normal, being, however, less than last year when a "bumper" crop was harvested in Queensland. A considerable reduction is shown in the tobacco returns, this applying equally to leaf and cigars. The reduction in the stocks of the last-named line is probably due to the unsettlement in Cuba and the Philippines, whence the bulk of supplies are drawn. The disorganisation of the industry in both Havana and Manila has had the effect of reducing shipments and making importers draw more largely than is their wont on reserve stocks. Hence the reduction. The stocks of tea are of but little value for comparative purposes, as the bonds were largely cleared a month back in anticipation of an increased duty being levied.

Relative to the London sugar market, Mr. C. Czarnikow, writing on November 23, says:—

The demand continues slow, and the trade will not be tempted to do more than supply immediate wants. This inactivity is chiefly due to confidence not being yet fully established, notwithstanding the moderate level of values. At the same time Continental factories are far from pressing sales at present quotations, and as yet only offer sufficient to meet the demand; thus prices have only changed to the extent of ¼d to ½d in buyers' favour on the publication of Licht's estimates showing an increase of 100,000 tons, viz., from 5,300,000 tons to 5,400,000 tons. This was fully anticipated, and with the favourable weather now prevailing it would not be surprising to see the actual yield even exceed his latest figures. A feature worth mentioning is the desire of some factories to sell already new crop (October-December, 1900), at about 9s 3d to 9s 4½d, f.o.b., but not much interest is shown by speculators in such distant deliveries at that price. It is feared that this tendency will check any improvement in present crop sugars, as it is an indication that next sowings are not likely to show a diminution at the ruling level of values. In addition, consumers are well aware that there is every chance of a larger Cuban crop for 1901.

PRODUCE RECEIVED AT REDFERN.

The following is a return of the produce received by rail at the Redfern railway terminus for the year ended December 31, 1899, together with the figures for 1898 and 1897:—

Article.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Hay, trucks	2,291	2,912	2,517
Straw, ditto	575	702	510
Chaff, ditto	1811	4,765	6,874
Bran, tons	853	2,364	1,621
Pollard, ditto	738	1,208	872
Oats, ditto	77	1,813	2,157
Maize, ditto	584	1,417	1,187
Wheat, ditto	2,458	3,971	1,657
Barley, ditto	16	86	62
Potatoes, ditto	3,540	15,117	4,424
Pumpkins, ditto	663	2,375	412
Melons, ditto	489	1,398	861
Turnips, ditto	304	245	330
Flour, ditto	158	628	321

PRODUCE INWARDS.

EDEN, Monday.

The steamer Otway took this morning for Sydney 38 bags of wattle bark and sundries. The Bega on Saturday took 221 boxes of butter and 61 bags of wattle bark.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Monday.

The City of Grafton left at 6 a.m. for Sydney with 189 bags maize, 1150 bags potatoes, 4 bags oysters, 13 bales wool, 60 cases eggs, 620 cases meat, 10 cases fish, 1 cask tallow, 8 coops poultry, 8 horses, 30 hides, 100 kegs and 200 boxes butter, 30 cans cream, 25 pigs, 100 sides bacon, and sundries.

DAIRY NEWS.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The Wollogorang butter factory for November produced 73764lb. of butter, equal to a return of nearly 23s 6d per head from 240 cows.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Merchants' Exchange, Sydney, at 2.30, Tyreel, near Moree, Stock, Sheep, Cattle, Horses, &c.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

E. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 2.30, Furniture, Pianoforte, Sewing Machine, &c.

J. BROWN and CO.—At 37 Broadway, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, Pianos, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 11, Furniture, &c.; at 2, Clothing, Bed Linen, Jewellery, Furniture, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 12, Horses.

H. CHISHOLM and CO.—At T. Payten's Newmarket Stables, Lower Randwick, at 2.30, Racehorses, Brood Mares, &c.

A Double Charge.—At the Paddington Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. James Marr, S.M., David Hickey, aged 50, stonemason, was fined 5s for being drunk in Oxford-street, Paddington, on December 29. Upon a second charge of using obscene language within the hearing of persons passing by, at the same time and place, accused was ordered to pay £3, or go to gaol for one month.

Robert Little and Co.—Hay, Chaff, Produce Auctions Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

"York Castle brand of mild-cured Bacon. Cured by English experts. Flavour delicious." Denham Bros.—Advt.

S. B. BOND, 86 Sussex-street, Auctioneer and General Produce Salesman. Auction Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

E. HALL and SON, Auctioneers and General Produce Merchants. Sales at Redfern daily. Highest prices.—Advt.

SHEPPARD, HARVEY, and WALKER, 153 Sussex-street. Sales Hay, Straw, Chaff, Redfern daily.—Advt.

HEATON BROS., Produce Auctioneers, established 30 years. Sales at Redfern every day. Highest prices, prompt returns.—Advt.

Foley Brothers, Limited, Sussex-st.—Creamery Butter, Waratah, Crookwell, Candelo, Central, Kameruka Cheese.—Advt.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY of NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets, Sydney. Manufacturers Choicest Creamery Butter, Live Stock and Produce Auctioneers. Sales daily at Redfern; City Live Stock Yards, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Warehouse, 343, 345 Sussex-street.—Advt.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ANOTHER FINE HOLIDAY.

ENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRATION.

There could be no mistaking the zest with which the public entered upon the celebration yesterday of the advent of the year 1900, and it may be a happy augury as to the hidden possibilities of the next 12 months that the day commenced and ended with what we are prone to describe as "Queen's weather." In other words, the sky was almost cloudless, and the thousands of people who spent the day in the open must have keenly appreciated the cool breeze which rendered the temperature, even in the sun, not only bearable but pleasant. The first day of the new year has always been a favourite one with the Sydney folk, and, as everybody is aware, it is an event which Scotchmen, at home and abroad, commemorate with earnest enthusiasm, and cordially foregather for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne." In these circumstances it goes without saying that while opportunities for recreation and rational enjoyment were to be found in every direction yesterday, the Highland Gathering on the Sydney Cricket Ground was the centre of attraction for a vast concourse of people, who probably represented every section of society. The arrangements were well carried out, and the brilliant costumes of the Scottish citizens who for the nonce donned the tartans and trappings of the different "clans," lent picturesqueness and variety to a very animated scene. It was but natural that those who sported the heather should turn their thoughts with a certain amount of solemnity to the happenings in South Africa, where so many of their compatriots had fought, conquered, and died; but this tribute to the brave was not allowed to throw a permanent gloom over the proceedings, and during the day a liberal programme of sports was keenly enjoyed, and at the luncheon appropriate speeches were delivered by the Premier, the Colonial Secretary, and other notable personages. His Excellency the Governor visited the ground during the afternoon. The requirements of the lovers of horseracing were amply met by Tattersall's Club, which held its annual race meeting at Randwick, where some thousands of "turfites" congregated, and under such attractive weather conditions it was not surprising that a considerable number of ladies visited the course. As to the harbour the wind was too boisterous for the owners of any but large and well-found craft to indulge their penchant for sailing with comfort and safety, but there was nothing to interfere with the holiday traffic of the steamers, which, as on Boxing Day, had as much as they could conveniently cope with in carrying excursionists to and from their destinations. The bulk of the traffic was, of course, to Manly Beach, to which the Port Jackson Company conveyed thousands of people anxious to absorb as much ozone as they could from the ocean-borne breezes. Middle Harbour, with its numerous beaches and sheltered bays, attracted a large contingent of merry holiday-makers; and Watson's Bay, Clifton Gardens, Parramatta and Lane Cove rivers and other waterside places were also invaded by a large number of picnic parties, and each tram bound for Coogee and Bondi was crowded with passengers. The railway excursion trips were also well patronised, and speaking generally New Year's Day was celebrated in befitting fashion, mutual good wishes being exchanged everywhere, and a heartfelt desire for a prosperous new year. There was no lack of entertainment for the public in the evening, but though the theatres and other places of amusement were well filled the majority of the public preferred the old-time custom of getting as much fun as possible out of the crush in the streets.

GARDENS AND PUBLIC PARKS.

Our Gardens and public parks, with their delightful surroundings, afford such an admirable opening for quiet enjoyment that they invariably prove an attraction at holiday time, and yesterday, as the citizens of Sydney were specially favoured in the matter of weather, the "lungs" of the metropolis were liberally patronised. The Botanic Gardens had a strong lead in this respect, and not only were the upper and lower grounds dotted with picnic parties and children, who enjoyed to the full the invigorating breezes, the perfume of flowers and trees, and the ever-changing scene upon the water, but in the afternoon the paths were thronged with promenaders, who appeared to thoroughly appreciate the outing. Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, from which the visitor can obtain quite a panoramic view of the harbour, was also well favoured; and in a smaller degree other portions of the large area of the Domain received a share of public attention, while Hyde Park and other reserves were pretty well taken up by those who from inclination or for other reasons were not disposed to go further afield.

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

Yesterday was a comparatively quiet day at the Zoological Gardens, Moore Park, not more than 2900 people being present. A great many family picnics were held, the variety of attractions for both young and old making it a popular rendezvous. The two elephants, as well as the ponies, were hard worked and must have carried hundreds on their backs by 5 p.m. Fresh additions to the large and rare collection of animals and birds have recently been made, notably a cuscus, or New Guinea opossum, which excited much interest. It is a little larger than the Australian marsupial, but very hard to keep alive in captivity. A pair of Japanese black bears and several Indian leopards are amongst the latest arrivals. Despite the heat the "Zoo" is at present looking in splendid condition, and the general health of the animals is good.

COOGEE AND THE AQUARIUM.

Coogee and the neighbouring bays can always be relied on to receive a fair share of public patronage on holidays, and although there were not so many picnickers in evidence yesterday as on Boxing Day, still the tramway officials had about as much as they could do to cope with the traffic citywards in the evening. Before the day was far advanced the choicest of the picnic spots were invaded by holiday makers. The beach was thronged with children, who delighted in "paddling," and the swimming baths were largely patronised.

At Maroubra Bay, where the waves still wash over the remains of the good ship Hereward and the ill-fated Tekapo, there was a large number of pleasure seekers scattered along the green and on the extensive sands. Long Bay had a big contingent, and at all the best of the fishing rocks votaries of the line and hook were to be seen. Little Coogee was crowded with bathers, who disported themselves in the open bay throughout the day. The cool and refreshing north-east breeze made New Year's Day an ideal one for a picnic on the coast.

The new proprietor of the Coogee Aquarium, Mr. C. W. Hobson, is trying hard to restore the former prestige of this holiday resort, and encouraged by his success on Boxing Day, he again placed before a good audience a similar programme of attractions. Mr. H. Clay's vaudeville company met with a hearty reception in the afternoon, many of the items being encored. Dancing was indulged in at intervals throughout the day to the music of a band.

BONDI.

The weather was unusually warm at the seaside yesterday, and the favourite resorts that are to be found at Bondi came in for a large share of public attention. Several of the pleasure-seekers present during the day indulged in fishing from off the rocks, swimming, &c., whilst the younger ones enjoyed themselves with games and a paddle in the water. Every available nook amongst the rocks was taken advantage of by those who preferred quietude and rest combined with the pleasure of the seaside.

THE AQUARIUM.

A holiday programme was provided at the Bondi Aquarium, which is fast regaining its old popularity as a pleasure resort. Mr. A. Wightman (resident manager) specially engaged the "Bow Bells Minstrel and Variety Company," who went through a lengthy programme of songs (comic and otherwise), plain and fancy dances, &c., concluding with a "screaming farce," which created much laughter. Mr. C. Jones made an efficient pianist. Amongst the performers were Miss Ruby Warren (who met with much favour), the Misses Phillips (2) (song and dance artists), Irene Wallner, Cabel, and Messrs. Joe Brailey, C. Simes, Scott, Wallace, J. Johnstone, and H. Stedman. During the afternoon dancing was indulged in with satisfaction. In the spacious grounds merry-go-rounds, swing boats, &c., were provided for the younger ones, who were greatly in evidence. The fish and other attractions were viewed by many of the older visitors.

NORTH SYDNEY.

Excursionists never appear to tire of visiting the many attractive resorts to be found on the northern side of the harbour. The steamers of the Sydney Ferries Company were yesterday exceedingly well patronised, more especially those plying to Mosman Bay, the generally accepted route to Balmoral Beach. At Balmoral several hundreds of people found ample enjoyment, the baths being well patronised, and the fine stretch of sand was dotted with juveniles of both sexes paddling to their heart's content. Fishing, games of every description, swings, and merry-go-rounds afforded all an opportunity of securing innocent amusement. The passengers who booked at Milson's Point for the various stations between there and Hornsby were very numerous. The cable and electric tramways to Willoughby and Mosman were severely taxed, but the officers of the department were well able to cope with the additional traffic. The prominent headlands of North Shore, approached from the Military-road, were visited by a large crowd, who derived apparent delight from witnessing the white-winged fleet of sailing boats that dotted the harbour.

PARRAMATTA RIVER.

A reduction of fares is always a popular innovation, and the introduction yesterday of a new reduced system of charges on the Parramatta River steamers was evidently highly appreciated by holiday-seekers. The beautiful long river trip from Sydney to historic Parramatta, with its pretty back and many sights of interest, was available yesterday for a return fare of a shilling. Visitors to Hyde found their cost of travelling reduced to ninepence, and consequently both places had a plenitude of visitors. During the day regular trips were made by the Parramatta Steamship Company's fleet, amongst which were such popular vessels as the Bronzewing, Pheasant, Alathea, Halcyon, Cygnet, and Garnet. The adequate accommodation of these prevented overcrowding. From Cockatoo Island westward the steamers deposited crowds of picnic parties, and on all the foliage-clad points to which the public was admitted the scene was one of brightness and animation. Dotted along the river's course were sailing and pulling craft of all descriptions, the former in the majority of cases being ably handled in the occasional strong gusts which came from the north-east and north. Altogether the river proved a popular pleasure resort. A few people did the round trip to Parramatta by steamer and back to Sydney by train, or vice-versa, at the moderate expenditure of a florin.

LANE COVE RIVER.

Lane Cove River, one of the narrow and pretty armlets of Sydney Harbour, stretching its 10 miles or so of length westward from the entrance opposite populous Balmain, carried a great number of holiday-seekers. Boat parties, private steamer parties, and the regular ferry steamer family parties were out by scores, finding on the many pretty picnic resorts along the river health and recreation with which to worthily initiate the new year.

CORREY'S GARDENS, CABARITA.

At this popular and commodious holiday resort the Messrs. Correy had made full preparations for a goodly number of holiday-makers, and those who paid the picturesque place a visit were not disappointed. Family parties were much in evidence, children with their parents being admitted free. In the spacious pavilion, with its glassy floor, many hundreds of dancers sought diversion to the strains of music provided by the Young Australian Band. The Parramatta River steamer service took visitors by water from the city, and heavily freighted omnibuses conveyed excursionists from the Burwood Railway Station. The summer-houses, the gardens, recreation reserve, the little beach for paddlers, the merry-go-round, swings, and shady nooks were in great request, and no element of discord or rowdyism marred the even current of the general enjoyment. The Messrs. Correy, with a large and capable staff of assistants, superintended, and good order and respectability were features of the day.

FERN BAY.

Lane's Gardens at Fern Bay, beautifully situated on a point of the Parramatta, and ensconced amongst much virgin scrub, were visited yesterday by many pleasure seekers. Children were admitted to the grounds free, and what with dancing in the pavilion, merry-go-round, swings, and other amusements for old and young, visitors were well satisfied with their outing. A regular ferry passenger service was maintained, and the personal attention of the proprietor and his assistants prevented any ebullition of the elements of disorder.

ABBOTSFORD, MORTLAKE, TENNYSON, &c.

The places freely selected by the public at which to spend a pleasant holiday on the banks of the Parramatta River were numerous. Abbotsford and its boating facilities were well patronised. Mortlake and the Palace Grounds and pavilion, with its finely-situated point, had its hundreds; Tennyson proved popular to many quiet parties, who basked in the shade and boiled their "billies" with enjoyment; whilst the little bays on the northern shore available across the water from Leichhardt, Balmain, and Five Dock were visited by happy boating parties. Rodd Island, with its growing popularity, proved seductive to those who preferred an outdoor to an indoor holiday.

HARBOUR EXCURSIONS.

It is an oft-told tale that a public holiday in Sydney, if the weather be at all favourable, means harbour excursions without number, and thousands of people availed themselves of the opportunity of getting their lungs filled with health-giving sea air. Yesterday the weather was just of the kind to tempt the most inveterate stay-at-homes to trust themselves afloat, and as a result the harbour was literally covered with craft of almost every conceivable description. There was not a steamer, no matter what her class or kind, leaving any of the wharfs or landing-stages without her full complement of passengers, and so eager were the pleasure-seekers to shake the dust of the streets from their clothes that in many cases it was with difficulty that the authorities prevented overcrowding. The outings proved satisfactory to all who took part in them, and happily the day passed off without any accident of a serious character.

CLIFTON GARDENS.

One of the most popular beauty spots in the neighbourhood of Sydney is that which is now known as "the Clifton Gardens." Here the natural attractions are uncommon, even in a harbour which is full of attraction. Mr. Thompson, the proprietor of the gardens, has "hastened slowly," and in fitting them out as a pleasure ground has evidently been well advised. There is now obtainable all that the most fastidious of picknickers can require, and the fact that upwards of 3500 contented folk spent a happy time there yesterday is a fair indication of the public appreciation of Mr. Thompson's enterprise.

WATSON'S BAY.

Holiday-makers having an eye for the picturesque always manifest a distinct inclination towards Watson's Bay. The historic "Gap" and the frowning crags of the bold headlands provide features of no mean interest, and it is often noticed that family parties spend their entire holiday amongst the rugged rocks, drinking in, as it were, the varied beauties of the land and sea scape views which this resort affords from many points. It goes without saying that the steamers running to the bay yesterday were exceedingly well patronised.

MIDDLE HARBOUR.

Quite an armada of pleasure steamers invaded the waters of Middle Harbour yesterday. From No. 4 jetty, Circular Quay, the Nelson liners took their departure, and the Grant liners went from No. 3. The boats ran at short intervals throughout the day, and passengers were not far to seek, for every steamer was crowded to her utmost capacity.

MANLY.

It is not without reason that the Port Jackson Co-operative Steamship Company claims Manly as "the premier seaside resort of Australasia," for there certainly is not anywhere on the continent a watering-place which on holidays attracts as many visitors. Yesterday there must have been upwards of 20,000 persons down there. The steamers were packed every trip, and although the company's boats are commodious to a degree their capacities were taxed to their utmost limits. In addition there were thousands who took the overland route to Manly; and, indeed, during the afternoon there were more Sydney vehicles seen in the waterside village than have been counted for many a day.

ROSE BAY.

New Year's Day was spent at Rose Bay by an attendance which numbered some thousands who were bent on pleasure. The cable and electric trams were altogether inadequate to convey the pleasure-seekers thither. The attendance, which was large during the early part of the day, was considerably increased in the afternoon. Almost every available place for which shelter could be had from the sun's rays was taken advantage of. The juvenile portion of the picnicers engaged in cricket and other pastimes. Boating was indulged in by others, whilst fishing was a pastime in which a goodly number found pleasure. The many favourite spots along the beach were admired by those with a taste for the beautiful.

OCEAN EXCURSIONS.

Favoured with beautiful weather, a large number of holiday-makers took advantage of the opportunity offered by the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company, which had arranged two ocean excursions, the one north to the Hawkesbury, and the other south to Port Hacking, both popular resorts, and affording every facility for spending a pleasant day. The steamship Namoi left the Market Wharf about 10 a.m. yesterday with 650 passengers for Cowan Bay, Hawkesbury River. The numerous excursionists were favoured with a smooth sea, which nevertheless was sufficient to try the sailing capabilities of several of the passengers. The trip, however, was thoroughly enjoyed, and upon reaching Cowan Wharf the vessel made fast, and the picnickers were enabled to explore the natural beauties of this picturesque bay. Christmas bush was plentiful, and was collected in large quantities. The return journey was made in safety, the wharf being reached about 5.30 p.m.

The steamship Sydney was also well patronised, about 500 journeying to Port Hacking, where a most pleasant day was spent in purely rural fashion. The Sydney landed her passengers safely at the wharf just before 6 p.m.

THE ILLAWARRA SUBURBS.

All the various interesting watering resorts from Cook's River right along past Lady Robinson's Beach, Sandringham, and up to George's River, were crowded with visitors yesterday. Early morning and afternoon trains carried passengers to Rockdale, Kogarah, Como, Oatley, and National Park, and the trams especially did a very large business. The sea in Botany Bay was rather rough for fishing, but on George's River piscatorial enthusiasts spent a pleasant time, while various boating parties went a long way up the river, and returned in time to catch the evening trains. There were no accidents reported during the day, and the weather was splendid throughout.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

On the railways the bookings at Sydney and suburban stations yesterday showed an increase of 3044 on the previous holiday. The bookings recorded on the various lines were as follow:—Main suburban, 38,634; Illawarra, 32,760; Northern, 9453; Western, 2441; and Southern, 1720; total, 85,008, against 81,964 for last year. The receipts yesterday were £2065 19s 1d, being only £2 3s 1d more than on the previous New Year's Day, though 3044 more passengers were booked. This is explained by the fact that shorter distances were travelled yesterday. The increase was nearly entirely due to the main suburban line, the figures being 35,806 passengers for New Year's Day, 1899, and 38,634 for yesterday.

On the tramways the traffic on the steam lines was fully equal to that of last year. The principal loading was to the Highland Gathering Sports, Randwick Races, Coogee, Bondi, and Abbotsford. The loading is estimated as follows:—Highland Gathering, 252 cars, representing 18,000 passengers; Randwick Races, 160 cars, 12,000 passengers; Coogee, 180 cars, 13,000 passengers; Bondi, 80 cars, 5500 passengers; Abbotsford, 80 cars, 5500 passengers. The volume of traffic to Bridge-street, en route to the harbour, was considerable, but it was not equal to the usual demands on the tramways. On the George-street electric line the loading was very heavy throughout the day, but it was not equal to that on Boxing Day. It is estimated that 60,000 people travelled on the line. The traffic on the North Shore and Mosman lines was very heavy, the latter particularly so. On the Rose Bay and Ocean-street lines large crowds were carried. An improved traffic may be expected when the new line is completed to Dover-street. No accidents attributable to the heavy traffic were reported.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.

In connection with the special arrangements made by the house committee for the children of the Randwick Asylum to thoroughly enjoy the festive season, another busy and pleasant day was spent yesterday. At 7 o'clock in the morning Mr. Coulter (the superintendent) visited the large dining-room, and distributed amongst the whole of the children and officials 200 new shillings, the gift of Mr. James Stedman, as a new year's present from that gentleman. The balance of toys received from kind friends for Christmas was also handed to the children during the day, and they were regaled with tins of biscuits, confectionery, nuts, jam, &c. In addition to these good things, a considerable number of new year's gifts, accompanied by all kinds of sweets, were brought by parents, relatives, and friends, who were permitted to attend and remain at the institution with their little ones for fully two hours. The kindness of the house committee in making these arrangements was much appreciated, and all spent a very happy day.

A.H.C. GUILD PICNIC AT BOTANY.

A picnic arranged and carried out by the A.H.C. Guild took place yesterday at Sir Joseph Banks Pleasure Grounds, Botany, and was attended by upwards of 2000 people. Although the gathering was not the annual picnic of the society, yet it was a thoroughly representative one, as far as the various branches of the order were concerned. The arrangements were of a perfect kind, and were carried out under the supervision of a large committee, of which Mr. F. J. M'Cabe, J.P., was the president, Mr. D. Murphy treasurer, and Messrs. T. M'Namara and T. H. Hanratty joint hon. secretaries. The proprietor of the grounds (Mr. Marshall) spared no pains to place the grounds in good order and otherwise to study the convenience of his visitors. The Railway Commissioners provided a special tram service, and 'buses were run at frequent intervals. The chief attraction was the spacious pavilion, where dancing was carried on all day to music supplied by the band of the Irish Rifle Corps. The arrangements of the floor were supervised by Messrs. M. Hefferman and T. M'Namara. Those who did not care for dancing found ample pleasure in passing the day under the various trees and bowers with which the gardens abound. Picnic parties were to be seen dotted over the grounds enjoying themselves in true picnic fashion. The utmost good order prevailed and everything passed off in a highly satisfactory manner.

PARKES' VALE, GEORGE'S RIVER.

There were over 400 visitors to these new pleasure grounds yesterday. Dancing was freely indulged in by many in the prettily designed pavilion. The trip up and down the river was very enjoyable, and the scenery was greatly admired.

THE THEATRES.

Immense attendances were the rule at nearly all the theatres last night, and many playgoers availed themselves of the matinees proffered at the Theatre Royal, Her Majesty's, the Palace Theatre, and Opera House. In the evening at an early hour every seat was occupied at Her Majesty's, and before the curtain rose upon the gorgeous spectacular production of "Little Red Riding Hood" standing room was not to be had. There was a similar rush to "The Power and the Glory," and before 8 o'clock Mr. Charles Holloway had set out the "house full" placard at the Lyceum. A large audience assembled to enjoy the sentiment and romance of "The Only Way;" and there was a good house at the Criterion, where "A Tale of the Transvaal" was staged. The Palace Theatre was densely filled; and many people attended at Hamilton's spectacle of the "Boer War" at the Opera House.

BATHURST SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

R. CAVILL WINS THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

BATHURST, Monday.

The Bathurst Swimming Club carnival took place to-day. There was a large attendance, and splendid weather prevailed. Considerable importance attached to the proceedings, inasmuch as the 440 yards amateur championship of New South Wales was contested. It brought together 10 starters, the clubs represented being as follow:—R. Craig and R. Byers, Balmain; R. Baker and H. Smith, East Sydney; R. Cavill and C. Hellings, Otter; W. Bishop, Enterprise; W. H. Bond, Eastern Suburbs; C. F. Flanagan and George Anlezark, Bathurst. The results were as follow:—

First heat: Cavill. Time, 6 minutes 10 3-5 seconds. Second heat: W. Bishop, who finished alone. Time, 6 minutes 40 2-5 seconds. Third heat: W. H. Bond. Time, 6 minutes 18 seconds. In the final heat four started, Craig being allowed a place on account of being second in the fastest heat. Bond led till the third lap, when Bishop unexpectedly gave up. Cavill then went slightly ahead, increasing his lead to eight or nine yards. He swam astonishingly well for a boy of 15, completing the distance in 6 minutes 7 3-5 seconds. In 1897, when Lane beat P. Cavill, the time was 6 minutes 12½ seconds. The following are the finals in other events:—

100 Yards Inter-club Handicap.—Morrison (Pyrmont), 24 seconds, 1; Gartrell (Bathurst), 17 seconds, 2. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

66 Yards Novice Handicap.—James, 5 seconds, 1; Kelly, scratch, 2. Time, 57 seconds.

100 Yards Ladies' Nomination Handicap.—Anlezark, scratch, 1; Gartrell, 4 seconds, 2. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

66 Yards Schools' Handicap.—Stanley (Fort-street), scratch, 1; Pocock (Bathurst), 2 seconds, 2. Time, 58 4-5 seconds.

200 Yards Inter-club Handicap.—Higgins (Sydney), 3 seconds, 1; Hellings (Otter), 4 seconds, 2. Time, 2 minutes 40⅕ seconds.

Teams Race.—Randwick and Coogee, 20 seconds, 1; Otter, 8 seconds, 2.

Neatest Header Competition.—Cavill, 1; Coate, 2.

A number of prominent Sydney officials were present and assisted the local committee. Including swimmers about 40 Sydney visitors were on the ground.

LITHGOW FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' SPORTS.

LITHGOW, Monday.

The Friendly Societies held their annual demonstration and sports on the show ground. After a procession through the town in the morning the sports programme commenced, the following being the principal events:—

Bicycle Handicap, 1 mile.—W. Jones, 1; W. Jack, 2; W. Dougherty, 3.

All Comers' Foot Race.—H. E. Russell, 1; J. Mortlock, 2; L. Thew, 3.

Local Societies Bicycle Handicap, 1 mile.—J. Young, 1; W. Honey, 2; J. Della Bosca, 3.

Lithgow Bicycle Handicap, 1½ mile.—First heat: J. Jones, 285 yards, 1; R. Mutton, scratch, 2; F. Fraser, 160 yards, 3. Second heat: F. Hunt, 25 yards, 1; R. W. Lewis, scratch, 2; J. Megson, scratch 3. Final: Lewis, 1; Megson, 2; Hunt, 3.

New Year's Bicycle Handicap, 2 miles.—First heat: F. Hunt, 30 yards, 1; J. Megson, scratch, 2; C. J. Brooke, 220 yards, 3. Second heat: J. Jones, 380 yards, 1; Mutton, scratch, 2; R. W. Lewis, scratch, 3. Final: Lewis, 1; Megson, 2; Brooke, 3.

Old Buffers' Race.—M. Ryan, 1.

Putting 28lb. Weight.—S. Vincent, 1; D. Hendren, 2. Distance, 22ft.

Novelty Bicycle Race, 1 mile.—Brooke, 1; Harvison, 2; Fraser, 3.

Consolation Race, 1 mile.—Drinkwater, 105 yards, 1; Phipps, 130 yards; 2; Dunn, 160 yards, 3.

WOLLONGONG CYCLING CARNIVAL.

WOLLONGONG, Monday.

The Wollongong Cycling Club's meeting on the Centennial grounds to-day was attended by upwards of 700 people, and passed off successfully, with the exception of an accident which befell one of the riders in the pony race, F. Waldron. The following were the results:—

Open Handicap Footrace, 125 Yards.—R. Dodd, 1; G. Frew, 2.

Boys' Race.—H. Kirby, 1; P. Makin, 2.

New Year's Handicap, 1 mile.—First heat: G. Evans, 150 yards, 1; W. Beach, 190 yards, 2. Other starters: C. Green, 140 yards; W. Parkinson, 220; S. Flodden. Second heat: James Wilson, 80 yards, 1; A. Rixon, 80 yards, 2. Other starters: F. A. Taylor, scratch; J. Rhodes, 30 yards. A very good race. Won by a length. Final: G. Evans, 1; A. Rixon, 2.

Pony Race, 13 hands, ½-mile.—N. Beigley's Chance, 1; R. Benjamin's Laddie, 2. Other starters: Come Along, Carbine, Stella, Grey Locks. Won by two lengths.

Flying Handicap, ½ mile.—First heat: W. Beach, 110 yards, 1; James Wilson, 40 yards, 2. Other starter: F. A. Taylor, scratch. Second heat: A. Rixon, 80 yards, and G. Evans, 80 yards, dead heat. Other starters: T. Rhodes, 15 yards; J. Wilson, 60 yards. Final: G. Evans, 1; W. Beach, 2.

Pony Race, 14 hands, ½ mile.—W. Dobbie's Lady Wyvern, 1; J. M'Goldrick's Lady Grace, 2. Other starters: Bellbird, Tom Brown, Skylark, Javie. Won by two lengths.

Wollongong Wheel Race, 2 miles.—First heat: G. Evans, 270 yards, 1; F. A. Taylor, scratch, 2. Other starters: A. Rixon, 150; T. Rhodes, 50; John Wilson, 210. Second heat: W. Beach, 320 yards, 1; James Wilson, 150 yards, 2. Final: G. Evans, 1; W. Beach, 2; James Wilson, 3. Won with the greatest ease.

Pony Race (14.2), ½-mile.—W. Dobbie's Corrinel, 1; J. M'Goldrick's Lady Grace, 2. Other starters: Ekel, Jervie.

ARMIDALE, Monday.

To-day was observed as a close holiday, with delightful weather.

The Highland Gathering and sports passed off quietly, every event being keenly contested. There was a record attendance of nearly 4000 people.

BLAYNEY, Monday.

The holiday was closely observed to-day. Large numbers of picnics were held, the largest being the Good Templars and Rechabites.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

The Caledonian Society held its annual sports meeting to-day. A tremendous crowd assembled at M'Culloch Park, and it proved a record meeting.

The lately-formed pony club held a successful meeting at the recreation ground.

The thermometer stood at 111° in the shade to-day. The weather was muggy, but tempered at times by a cool breeze from the south.

CAMDEN, Monday.

The New Year's Day sports at Cobbitty were successful. There was a larger attendance than in any previous year. C. Jenkins won the Sheffield Handicap, S. Wasson being second. The tug-of-war, married v. single, was won by married.

BOWRAL, Monday.

To-day was observed as a close holiday here. Beautiful weather prevailed, and large numbers of tourists visited Fitzroy and Belmore Waterfalls and other resorts. Great interest was taken in the cricket match between Bowral Association and Callan Park, Sydney, which resulted in a draw, the scores being—Bowral Association, 304 (R. Whatman being the principal scorer with 92); Callan Park, five for 181 (S. R. Walford making 101). The members of the Callan Park team gave a successful concert in the Association Hall this evening in aid of the Association Club.

EDEN, Monday.

The Public school picnic took place to-day, and was a great success.

FORBES, Monday.

The Highland Gathering to-day was a great success. The weather was warm, but there was a large attendance. All the events were well contested, especially the piping and dancing items. The officers, particularly the secretary (Mr. Farrand), carried out the programme excellently.

GRAFTON, Monday.

About 3500 people attended the Caledonian Society's Sports at Elizabeth Island to-day. Steamers ran from all parts of the district. A. Nevile won the principal pedestrian handicap, and T. Singleton the Burns Handicap. Throwing the 12lb. hammer, for youths: F. M'Donald, 109ft. 4in. Putting the 14lb. shot: B. Morris, 42ft. 8in. Throwing the 16lb. hammer, for youths: F. M'Donald, 86ft. 6in. Putting 21lb. shot: B. Morris, 33ft. 6in. Putting 14lb. shot, for youths: F. M'Donald, 40ft. 7in. Throwing 12lb. hammer: F. Hookey, 118ft. 8in., this being the farthest throw in the district to date. Putting the 21lb. shot, for youths: F. M'Donald, 34ft. 2in. Tossing the caber: F. Hookey, 32ft 7in. Ditto, for youths: D. M'Kenzie, 40ft. 3in. Cumberland wrestling: G. Carlton. Ditto, for youths: T. Donohoe. In the piping events D. Matheson won the marches, Professor Mackay strathspeys and reels. In the dancing contests for lassies Janet Dargie won sean triubhas. The Highland fling and sailor's hornpipe were won by Professor Mackay.

The attendance of the Scottish Rifles from Maclean about 60 strong, was a special feature of the gathering. They performed various military exercises and displays. The weather was fine, but threatening in the early part of the day.

HARDEN, Monday.

The holiday passed off quietly. The heat was intense, registering 100° in the shade.

KIAMA, Monday.

As usual on New Year's Day there was a general migration of residents to the numerous holiday resorts on the mountains and sea coast. The only public event was a cricket match on Church Point between Greenwood (Sydney) Club and Kiama, resulting in a win for the latter, the scores being—Kiama, 138; Greenwood, first innings 73, second innings 46.

TAREE, Monday.

The steamer Corahi, belonging to the North Coast Company, ran an excursion to Brighton today. Between 400 and 500 persons were carried. The steamer John Gollan also ran an excursion from different parts down the river to Harrington, and was well patronised.

TENTERFIELD, Monday.

The twelfth annual Caledonian gathering to-day was a record meeting. The takings at the gates and stand were £53. A big concert was held on Saturday, and electric light sports and a ball took place this evening. Competitors to-day from Queensland and Newcastle shared the honours. Highly patriotic speeches were delivered at the luncheon by Mr. Lee, M.L.A., and others. The collection for the Patriotic Fund this afternoon met with a liberal response.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

The match Hunter River District Cricket Association v. Robertson Electorate Cricket Association was played on the Albion Cricket Ground to-day in the presence of a fair attendance of spectators. The home team won easily on the first innings by 341 runs. The scores were:—Robertson Electorate Association first innings 109, second innings three wickets for 87; Hunter River District Association first innings, eight wickets for 450.

WOLLONGONG, Monday.

The Wesleyan and Congregational Sabbath Schools' annual picnics were well attended.

YASS, Monday.

Bicycle sports were held in Victoria Park to-day, and were well attended. The weather was hot. The following are the results of the finals:—New Year Handicap: Sidwell, 1; M'Namara, 2; Jobson, 3. Half-mile Handicap: M'Namara, 1; Baxter, 2; Sidwell, 3. Yass Wheel Race: Sidwell, 1; Barber, 2; M'Namara, 3. Club Handicap: M'Namara, 1; Sidwell, 2; Barber, 3. Visiting riders attended from all the southern branches of the league.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB TOURNAMENT.

New Year's Day was spent pleasantly by the members of the Waverley Bowling Club, who indulged in an all-day tournament for which prizes were donated by two of the members. The day was all that could be desired. The attendance was also good. The tournament consisted of a number of games with pairs, which were played off in rounds, the conditions being that the winners of the first round should play off against each other in subsequent rounds, the losers playing against each other to decide the winner of the losers' trophy. Messrs. W. Macleod, D. M'Donald, Blanchard, and J. F. Martin acted as managing committee, and worked well to ensure a successful result. Each game consisted of 12 heads. Mr. E. H. Parsons acted as scorer. The result of the day's playing was that Messrs. W. Wynne and A. Schmidt succeeded in carrying off the trophy to the winner's side, and Messrs. F. Gartrell and G. Dyson that to the losers. The following are the details of the play:—

First Round.

Colonel Blanchard and P. J. Hurley (1 handicap), 16, beat G. Dyson and T. Jessep (2 on), 12.

J. F. Martin and D. Ross (2 on), 16, beat A. C. Usher and A. Gardner (2 on), 8.

J. M'Naughton and Dr. Schraeder (1 on), 15, beat E. E. Wahlberg and H. S. Davies (3 on), 9.

W. Wynne and A. Schmidt (3), 22, beat F. Gartrell and D. Mitchell (1 on), 2.

J. Graham and D. Barkas (scratch), 15, beat J. R. Rodgers and A. J. Higginbotham (1 on), 9.

M. J. Fitzgerald and J. Robison (3 on) beat J. Morcombe and W. Rummell (scratch), 9.

S. B. King and J. Clark (2 on) beat E. G. N. Gibbes and J. Sands (2 on), 9.

A. A. Locke and H. Ayers (1 on), 22, beat Captain Kondio and G. E. Kneebusch (1 on), 10.

L. J. Henwood and E. H. Parsons (3 on), 13, beat D. M'Donald and M. Hegarty (scratch), 8.

H. C. Evans and H. Sands (3 on), 20, beat R. Fairweather and R. Beatton, 5.

Second Round (winners play winners for first prize).

W. Wynne and A. Schmidt (3), 17, beat Colonel Blanchard and P. J. Hurley (2), 14.

S. B. King and J. Clark (2), 16, beat J. F. Martin and D. Ross (3), 11.

J. Graham and Dr. Barkas (scratch), 17, beat M. J. Fitzgerald and J. Robison (4), 10.

A. A. Locke and H. Ayers (1), 22, beat L. J. Henwood and E. H. Parsons (3), 11.

H. C. Evans and H. Sands (3), 23, beat J. M'Naughton and Dr. Schrader (2), 9.

Third Round.

J. Graham and Dr. Barkas (scratch), 11, beat S. B. King and J. Clark (2), 10.

W. Wynne and A. Schmidt (3), 13, beat A. A. Locke and H. Ayres (1), 7.

H. C. Evans and H. Sands a bye.

Fourth Round.

H. C. Evans and H. Sands (3), 12, beat J. Graham and Dr. Barkas (scratch), 11.

W. Wynne and A. Schmidt a bye.

Final.

W. Wynne and A. Schmidt (3), 14, beat H. C. Evans and H. Sands (3), 14.

Consolation (losers play losers).

Captain Kondio and H. S. Davies (2), 9, beat H. C. Usher and A. J. Sands (scratch), 4.

E. G. N. Gibbes and R. Beatton (2), 9, beat T. Jessep and M. Hegarty (1), 8.

F. Gartrell and G. Dyson (scratch), 8, beat J. R. Rodgers and A. Gardner (2), 5.

J. Morcombe and A. J. Higinbotham (2), 13, beat D. M'Donald and W. Rummell (1), 4.

R. Fairweather and G. E. Kneebusch (3), 9, beat E. E. Wahlberg and D. Mitchell (scratch), 7.

Second Round.

E. G. N. Gibbes and R. Beatton (2), 9, beat R. Fairweather and G. E. Kneebusch (3), 5.

J. Morcombe and A. J. Higinbotham (2), 10, beat Captain Kondio and H. S. Davies (2), 9.

F. Gartrell and G. Dyson a bye.

Third Round.

F. Gartrell and G. Dyson (scratch), 11, beat E. G. N. Gibbes and R. Beatton (2), 9.

J. Morcombe and A. J. Higinbotham (2) a bye.

Final.

F. Gartrell and G. Dyson (scratch), 8, beat J. Morcombe and A. J. Higinbotham (2), 7.

ANNANDALE CLUB CARNIVAL.

The members of the Annandale Bowling Club participated in a carnival yesterday on their green at Kentville, when a number of events were keenly contested. There was a good attendance, and the entries were large. The prizes for the various events were presented by Mr. W. Jamieson and Dr. M'Ilroy, vice-presidents of the club.

About 20 members sat down to luncheon. The loyal toasts were honoured, also "Success to the Annandale Bowling Club," "The Club's Absent President, Alderman John Young," "The Secretary," and "Chairman." Dr. M'Ilroy (vice-president) occupied the chair.

Following are the results of the carnival:—

Carrying the Jack, No. 3 bowl, right-hand play (14 entries).—W. Jamieson, 1; B. Lee, 2.

Driving the Jack, No. 3 bowl, back-hand play (16 entries).—C. Batson, 1.

Drawing the Shot, No. 3 bowl, back-hand play (14 entries).—J. M'Laughlin, 1; W. A. Mann, 2.

Drawing the Shot, No. 2 bowl, right-hand play (14 entries).—W. Jamieson, 1; J. M'Laughlin, 2.

Drawing the Shot Blindfold (only one shot allowed).—Dr. M'Ilroy, 1. In this event there were 17 entries.

ANNANDALE CLUB.

The Annandale club has entered two rinks in the association champion rinks matches, as follows:—No. 1 rink: J. Bowery, A. J. Cormack, S. Abrams, and W. C. Upton (captain). No. 2 rink: G. Renwick, Dr. M'Ilroy, W. Jamieson, and C. Batson (captain).

The following players have also entered for the champion medal matches:—W. C. Upton, W. Jamieson, S. Abrams, and C. Batson.

BALMAIN CLUB.

The following entries have been received amongst the members of the Balmain Bowling Club in the association's champion rink and medal matches:—

Champion Rinks.—No. 1 rink: J. S. Fitzmaurice, R. Waites, G. C. Murdoch, and H. A. Young (captain). No. 2 rink: N. Booth, G. A. W. Stevens, H. B. Cohen, and W. Akhurst (captain). No. 3 rink: Irwin A. Lewis, A. G. Cramp, Dr. R. A. Wilson, and J. J. Reeder (captain).

Champion Medals.—H. A. Young, J. Strong, J. J. Reeder, Dr. R. A. Wilson, W. Akhurst, H. B. Cohen, N. Booth, Dr. L. G. Davidson, Irwin A. Lewis, and J. S. Fitzmaurice.

MANLY BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB.

The semi-final in this club's scratch pair tournament was concluded on Saturday, and the results of the round are:—Messrs. W. A. Walker and Horrocks beat Messrs. Currie and Passau, 21—13; Messrs. Morris and Black beat Messrs. Crampton and Lough, 21—14.

A SHATTERED NERVOUS SYSTEM.

COMPLICATIONS ALL YIELD TO CLEMENTS TONIC AS USUAL.

THE CASE OF MRS. JOHN GEDDES.

(Reported for the "Newtown Chronicle.")

When the tramcars pass by Enmore they speed with a rush down a gentle incline skirting a park, over which the traveller catches glimpses of the distant sea. Presently the tram gives a sudden swerve round a bend, and the guard shouts "Victoria-road." It was here our reporter descended, almost at the door of Mr. Geddes, a well-known storekeeper of the Marrickville district. He inquired for Mrs. Geddes, who was, fortunately, at home, yet who answered the reporter's inquiries with some little hesitation, as she does not like publicity; at the same time her feeling of thankfulness for a remarkable recovery from dire sickness was so great that she thought it only right to others, placed as she had been, to put her hesitation on one side and make known the true facts of the case.

"We were living at Bundanoon at that time," said Mrs. Geddes, "and, owing to some unknown cause, I got into a bad state of health, continued to get worse and worse, till my plight was quite pitiful. This lasted for two years."

"How did your sickness affect you, Mrs. Geddes?" asked the reporter.

"My most serious trouble was indigestion, which at last came to such a stage that I could not keep any food on my stomach. Even when I tried to drink a little pure water I would retch it up at once; and the water that came up when I vomited would be quite black to look at, showing, I think, that my digestive organs were in a shocking and deplorable state. And yet all the time I had a strong desire and craving to eat, and I dared not. There was ever present a feeling of oppression and weight upon my chest, and a sharp pain between the shoulders that pierced right through my body, so that it filled me with apprehension that my lungs were affected, and that I should soon be a victim to consumption. My limbs were in a constant tremor, my heart palpitating with distressing throbs. Neuralgia came in my face and forehead, and was so bad at times I thought I should go out of my mind. And, with my general collapse, my eyesight suffered; clouds of mist hid my sight when I tried to use my eyes for any length of time. The natural colour of my skin changed to a deep yellow, like one suffering from jaundice, and I would almost have passed for a mulatto. I am sure that my nervous system was shattered. I was weak, hopeless, and out of heart, and came finally to that helpless condition that I could not crawl as far as the back garden. As it was, I utterly despaired of getting better. I became very frightened, the least noise upsetting me. I even dreaded, from sheer nervousness, to go into the next room."

"Did you not see a doctor or try remedies of any kind?" inquired the reporter.

No; Bundanoon, as perhaps you know, is nine miles from Moss Vale, and the charge made by a doctor coming that distance in the country is quite beyond the means of all but rich people. For my indigestion I tried a number of the remedies so much advertised as cures for that complaint, but they did me no good whatever. And in the same way I tried the local remedies for the neuralgic pains in my face and forehead without benefit, for I did not understand them, as I do now, that my neuralgia was only one of the symptoms of a deeply-seated malady and impoverished blood."

"But you found relief at last, did you not, Mrs. Geddes?"

"Yes, when I had got fairly tired of trying one thing and then another, it happened that we were talking to a friend of ours at Bundanoon, and who, having some medical knowledge and experience, was much consulted in the district. He advised me very strongly to try Clements Tonic, and it was a happy day for me when I did so. When I had bought a bottle at the store, and commenced to take it according to the directions, I found a marvellous change for the better after the first few doses; and as I continued to take Clements Tonic, all my troubles and pains grew lighter and more easy, till my good health returned. Before I had finished taking the first bottle I could eat freely without vomiting or retching my food up. The neuralgic pain, the heart trouble, the impaired vision, the pain between the shoulders, and the wretched, despondent feeling, together with my nervous weakness, all yielded and faded away before the recuperative influence of Clements Tonic; and when I found what the remedy was doing for me I stuck to it, and persevered with it, and long after I had recovered and felt quite well I continued to take Clements Tonic, to make my recovery doubly sure, for, being well again, nothing was so dreadful to me as the thought of a relapse. So I made sure to properly clinch the cure."

"And you found your cure genuine, Mrs. Geddes, and not a mere flash in the pan?" inquired the reporter.

"Yes; and after that I had the best of health for several years, so I think my cure was as genuine as a cure could be; and you may be sure I have recommended Clements Tonic whenever I had the opportunity, and this often occurs, for, as you see, my husband and I are in business."

"Are you willing that this testimony should be made public?"

"Yes, I feel that it is only right for me to do so, for it may be the means of telling some sufferer with symptoms like my own that a sure cure is waiting in Clements Tonic."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Maggie Geddes, of Victoria-road, Marrickville, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios, and consecutively numbered from one to four, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration voluntarily, and without receiving any payment, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Maggie Geddes

Declared at Marrickville this 1st day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, before me,
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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Owing to the Sydney Stock Exchange being closed for the holidays, there are no official transactions to report.

Telegraphing on December 28, the mine manager of the B.H. Proprietary Block 10 Company reported as follows:—"Owing to bad weather and Christmas holidays, the plant only treated 1328 tons of crude ore, producing 237 tons 15cwt. of concentrates."

The manager of the New Birthday mine, Dunolly, wires that the reef in the No. 5 level is improving. The new make of stone is showing a little gold, but there is nothing exciting yet.

At the Mount Morgan Consolidated, Queensland, the sinking of the shaft has been resumed, the total depth being 125ft. There is no change to report.

Nice wash, with payable prospects, is reported by the mine manager in No. 1 west shoot drive of the Burnt Creek G.M. Company, Dunolly. The ground in the intermediate level, No. 3 shoot, is changing. The branch reef drive has reached 1139ft.

The air winch in the North Long Tunnel, Walhalla, has been repaired, and is now in good working order. The water has been taken out, and the crosscut driven 5ft., total 160ft. The strata consists of slate, sivan, and quartz leaders, giving out water freely.

In the rise on the west wall of the Guiding Star lode at the 1100ft. level of the Star of the East, Ballarat, the stone is 2ft. wide, containing a little gold. In the north drive off this rise the stone is somewhat bunchy and irregular. At the 1000ft. level the south rise from the crosscut on the western make of stone is up 31ft. The stone is intermixed with a little slate, and covers the full width, showing gold when breaking down. There is no change in the stopes on the Guiding Star and western lodes.

HILLGROVE, Monday.

Baker's Creek G.M. Company's mine has added another creditable chapter to its history in the past year. Out of the earnings of the previous year the forty-eighth dividend, amounting to £5000, was paid, and since then two similar amounts have been disbursed, and another could now be declared. Altogether this mine has paid 50 dividends, representing £167,500, and at the present time it looks good for another 50, for as rich stone is coming from the back of No. 12 level as ever yet found in the mine, and another level—No. 13—is now ready for opening out 1000ft. down from the mouth of the main shaft which opens at Smith's or No. 3 level. No work has been done in the vicinity of the tunnels during the past year, the most profitable work being found to be below. At No 7 level a drive north from the main shaft is advancing on Smith's reef, which in the present face is small, but carries payable gold. Should this continue along to the north shaft it would mean another 20 years on to the life of the mine. Taken altogether the future prospects of the mine are splendid. The company has to a certain extent overcome the water troubles, and its visiting director (Mr. T. B. Gaul) will be here shortly to make arrangements for electric light and power for the mine. One striking feature about this property is the care that is taken of the machinery and the splendid order in which everything is kept. During the 12 months 13,181 tons of stone were crushed for 12,883oz. 11dwt. of bar gold, valued at £44,510 8s 4d. This does not include concentrates. Since the mine started the battery has crushed 117,635 tons of quartz, for a yield of 188,812oz. of smelted gold.

The Baker's Creek Consols G.M. Company, N.L., has not done any crushing for nearly six months, it having been decided, in face of a possibility of running out of stone, to concentrate all efforts on the further development of the mine. Very shortly the battery, with increased crushing power, abundance of steam power, a permanent supply of water, and plenty of good payable stone available, will start running continuously. A new boiler has been erected, the battery has been fixed up with self-feeders, the blanket-tables lengthened, and shaking-tables put up, and when a few small matters have been attended to everything will be ready for a start. The battery treated 1074 tons of ore, for a yield of 757½oz. of smelted gold, an average of 14dwt. 2gr. per ton. A quantity of concentrates, calculated to be of sufficient value to defray all the cost of the new concentrating appliances, has also been saved. The main shaft has been deepened a further 100ft. The bottom level is being opened out, and the cross drives are sufficiently advanced to intersect almost at any moment both the Middle Reef and Smith's Reef. A winze from No. 2 level on the Middle Reef is nearly through to the bottom level, with about 6in. of payable ore in the sinking. Taking everything into consideration, the Consols will very shortly be in as good a position as the parent mine in the matter of being able to keep the machinery constantly going. By increasing the weight of the stamps to 8cwt. it will make a difference equal to six more stamps in the crushing power. There is still a good deal of stoping to be done at the back of the upper levels, and the development of the Baal Gammon reef awaits the future, so taken altogether the prospects of the Consols are decidedly promising enough to shareholders.

Fuller's Hopetoun Scheelite Syndicate promises to develop into a flourishing concern. Everything is ready for a start. The property embraces the original Earl of Hopetoun mine and the best of the adjoining leases. During the past 12 months, up till quite recently, the ground has been worked for gold, with scheelite for a by-product; but now, owing to the increased demand for tungsten at advanced prices, operations will be chiefly confined to raising and treating in large quantities scheelite ore, and for the latter purpose the water-power battery is being specially fitted up, to be kept continuously going. About 70 tons of good quality scheelite is waiting to be hauled up. Contractors are sinking on a clean lode 2ft. wide from No. 2 level, and a contract is about to be let for breaking ore between No. 1 and No. 2 levels on the same lode. Since last January 47 tons of quartz have been packed and treated for a yield of 63oz. smelted gold and 1 ton of concentrates; also about 4 tons of 64 per cent. scheelite, and 4 tons of low grade scheelite, were sent to the Clyde Works, as a trial, which proved satisfactory. The syndicate hopes to have everything in full swing by the middle of January.

The Hillgrove United G.M. Syndicate also is a property likely to become favourably known before long. It consists of seven acres of the old Lady Carrington and three acres of the old Cosmopolitan ground, a few months ago amalgamated into the Hillgrove United. During the year 148 tons of quartz were treated for a yield of 167½oz. of smelted gold and about 2 tons of concentrates. A prospecting tunnel is, with Government aid, being extended on a new reef which promises to turn out well. The distance driven is 138ft., and the aid extends to 200ft.

At the Hillgrove Proprietary Mines, Limited, the Cooney tunnel has been extended 793ft., making a total of 1849ft. from the face. A rise has also been put up from the tunnel to Smith's level, or rather the extension of the same from Baker's Creek mine. The main shaft from the Cooney tunnel is down 178ft., and securely timbered to a depth of 160ft. Compared with the Baker's Creek mine, this shaft is now below No. 6 level. The Upper Cooney tunnel has reached a total of 162ft. The mine is connected by rail with the Sunlight tramline. During the past week the machinery has had a thorough overhaul, preparatory to vigorous progressive work next year.

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THE SPLENDORA DISASTER.

FUNERAL OF MR. BOAZ AND MISS BOYCE.

The funeral of Mr. Albert E. Boaz and Miss Elizabeth Boyce, two of the victims of the Splendora disaster on Tuesday last, took place yesterday, and was witnessed by a very large concourse of persons, who evinced the deepest sympathy in the sad event, which cut short the lives of two persons just upon the eve of marriage. By arrangement the funerals were merged into one. The cortege left the residence of the parents of the late Mr. Boaz, 20 Parkham-street, Surry Hills, shortly before 2 p.m., and proceeded to the Mortuary, en route to the Necropolis. The families and relatives of the deceased were the chief mourners. The coffins (which were of black, with silver mountings) were covered with wreaths, crosses, and other beautiful floral emblems. The mourning carriages were followed by a good muster of members of the Wyuna Sailing Club, of which the late Mr. Boaz was a prominent member. The grave in which the bodies were placed was situated in the Congregational portion of the cemetery. The coffins were borne from the hearse to the last resting-place by members of the sailing club. The Rev. James Hill, M.A., conducted an impressive service at the grave. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Charles Kinsela.

Alexander Willis, a rural letter-carrier at Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire, has made a new postal record. He commenced delivering letters in July, 1861, and has covered 84,000 miles.

WAUGH'S BAKING POWDER obtained the only first-class award of highest degree of merit. Waugh's Baking Powder the best.—Advt.

CHESS.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The first intercolonial match under the auspices of the Chess Association of New South Wales took place yesterday, when a team selected by that body tried conclusions with a representative South Australian team. The local team had its venue in the School of Arts, Pitt-street. Mr. Jacobsen captained the New South Wales men, and Mr. Holloway performed a like office for "our friends, the enemy." The umpire for South Australia at this end was Rev. T. Ash. Play started at 12.30 p.m., and continued with adjournments until 10.30 o'clock.

The openings adopted were—Boards 1, 5, 7, French Defence; board 2, 3, Ruy Lopez; board 4, King's Knight Gambit; boards 6 and 8, Centre Counter; board 9, Queen's Gambit Declined; board 10, Petroff; board 11, Giuoco Piano; and board 12, Sicilian. Great interest was taken in the play at this end, and the games were watched by a number of spectators, including, among others, Dr. Hodgson (president of the Chess Association of New South Wales), Mr. H. A. Britten (vice-president), Mr. Hoskins, Rev. A. Miller, Mr. Graham (Wagga), and Mr. Joseph (Bathurst). The country representatives, Messrs. Crakanthorp and Kite, justified their selection, winning and drawing respectively. It was agreed that any games unfinished at call of time should be adjudicated by Mr. Esling.

The result of the pairing is:—

New South Wales.		South Australia.	
Mr. Jacobsen	½	Mr. Coombe	½
Mr. Jonas	½	Mr. Harrison	½
Mr. Heiman	1	Mr. M'Arthur	0
Mr. Cravanthorp	1	Mr. Holloway	0
Mr. Viner	1	Mr. Belcher	0
Mr. Pietacker	1	Mr. Pavia	0
Mr. Taylour	*	Mr. Fuss	*
Mr. Foster	*	Mr. Swan	*
Mr. Turner	*	Mr. Bowen	*
Mr. Kite	½	Mr. Laughton	½
Mr. Melville	*	Mr. Clarke	*
Mr. Spedding	*	Mr. Somerville	*
	5½		1½

* Unfinished; to be adjudicated.

There is only one living author who has written books which have sold to the extent of three millions of copies, and he is the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, the author of "In His Steps" and "What Would Jesus Do." Born in Wellsville, New York, 41 years ago, Mr. Sheldon is now living in Topeka, Kansas, with his wife and two children and his aged father, the Rev. Stewart Sheldon, who act as his secretary. Three million books! All of Zola's books put together have not sold more than that.

The Dean and Chapter of York have on hand not only the famous Minster committed to their charge, but £4000 is needed to renovate the organ first placed in the Cathedral in 1829 after the destructive fire. Canon Fleming said the other day that for the £50,000 needed for the restoration many a Yorkshireman could write a cheque without feeling the loss of the money.

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Yours very gratefully,
Mrs. DAVIES.

Witness to my signature: WALTER TURON NEWELL, Glenwood, Hargrave-street, Paddington.

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Funerals.

DALLEY.—HOLY MASS will be celebrated for the Repose of the Soul of the late CHARLES VINCENT PATRICK BEDE DALLEY, in St. Mary's Cathedral, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, the 2nd of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock.
The Funeral will leave St. Mary's Cathedral at 2 p.m., when his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop will give the Solemn Absolutions, and proceed thence to the Waverley Cemetery.
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M'KERN.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM H. M'KERN are kindly informed that the Funeral of his dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Eileen Dulcie will leave his residence, West Botany-street, Arncliffe, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Newtown. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, Newtown.

HARWOOD.—The Funeral of the late JOHN HARWOOD will leave Sydney Hospital THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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CROWTHER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WM. CROWTHER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-beloved DAUGHTER, Henrietta; to leave 8 Athlone-place at 1.45 p.m., for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, 474 Harris-street, and branches. Tel., 1100.

KING.—The Friends of Mrs. PERCY E. KING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Percy Edward; to move from his late residence, 31 Crown-lane, Ultimo, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON at 1.45, for Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 301 King-street, Newtown. Tel., 184 N.

KING.—The Friends of Mrs. PONDESTER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved STEPSON, Percy E. King; to move from his late residence, 31 Crown-lane, Ultimo, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON at 1.45, for Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King-street, Newtown.

KING.—The Friends of Mr. OSWALD KING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved STEPBROTHER, Percy E. King; to move from his late residence, 31 Crown-lane, Ultimo, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON at 1.45, for Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King-street, Newtown. Tel., 184 N.

KING.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. COUSINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Percy E. King; to move from his residence, 31 Crown-lane, Ultimo, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 301 King-street, Newtown. Tel., 184 N.

WARBY.—The Friends and Relatives of the Family of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH WARBY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, which will move from her residence, Mossberry Grove, Campbelltown, at quarter to 2 o'clock THIS DAY, Tuesday, for the C. of England Cemetery, Campbelltown.
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JOHNSON.—The Friends of the late Mr. HENRY WILLIAM JOHNSON wishing to attend his Funeral will please take Funeral train leaving Mortuary Station, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.25 p.m., and thence for interment at Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. ISAAC SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Frances; which will move from his residence, No. 127 Bourke-street, Redfern, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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BOWERS.—The Funeral of the late JOHN BOWERS will move from his late residence, Pennant-street, Parramatta, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta.
Mrs. JORDAN SPARKS, Undertaker.

THE Friends of Mr. G. W. KING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late FATHER-IN-LAW, John Bowers; to move from deceased's late residence, Pennant-street, Parramatta, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for St. John's Cemetery.

BOWERS.—The Members of the Loyal Fountain of Friendship, No. 2, M.U.I.O.O.F., are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Brother, JOHN BOWERS; to move from his late residence, Pennant-street, Parramatta, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for St. John's Church, thence to St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta. Members will please accept this intimation.
W. H. BLACK, Secretary.

KEMP.—The Friends of the late JOSEPH KEMP are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Macquarie-street, Parramatta, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Parramatta. WILLIAM METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta.

KEMP.—The Friends of Mr. W. C. KEMP, of Public School, Menangle, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved UNCLE, Joseph Kemp; to move from his late residence, Macquarie-street, Parramatta, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Parramatta. WM. METCALFE.

SEWELL.—The Friends of the late Mr. GEORGE SEWELL are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his brother-in-law's residence, No. 44 Glebe-street, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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SEWELL.—The Friends of Mrs. THOMAS SEWELL, of Moss Vale, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved BROTHER, George Sewell, which will move from her brother-in-law's residence, No. 44 Glebe-street, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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SEWELL.—The Friends of Mr. FRANCIS JACKSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased BROTHER-IN-LAW, George Sewell, which will move from his residence, No. 44 Glebe-street, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

SEWELL.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM FUNSTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased BROTHER-IN-LAW, George Sewell, which will move from Mr. Francis Jackson's residence, No. 44 Glebe-street, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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SEWELL.—The Friends of Mr. CHARLES TOMLIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased BROTHER-IN-LAW, George Sewell, which will move from his brother-in-law's residence, No. 44 Glebe-street, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. Wood and Company.

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SWANN.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES SWANN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved WIFE, Matilda; to leave Hawthorn, Somerset-street, Mosman, at 9 a.m., TO-MORROW, Wednesday, for Waverley Cemetery.
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PITT.—The Friends of the late CHARLES JOHN PITT, Inspector of Schools, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, Arthur Leslie; to leave Sydney Hospital, Macquarie-street (Domain entrance), city, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 9 o'clock, for St. Anne's C. of E. Cemetery, Ryde.
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ELVY.—The Friends of the late Mr. HENRY ELVY, Sen., are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, No. 39 Glebe-road, Glebe, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.40, for the Necropolis. GEORGE SHYING, Undertaker, 176 George-street West.

ELVY.—The Friends of Messrs. WILLIAM, JOHN, HENRY, and LEONARD ELVY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. Henry Elvy, sen.; to move from his residence, No. 39 Glebe-road, Glebe, TO-MORROW, (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.40, for the Necropolis.

M'DONOUGH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE EARLEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Michael M'Donough, which will move from their residence, No. 51 Harris-street, Balmain West, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
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Applications, to be addressed to the Mayor and endorsed "Valuation," will be received up to Tuesday, the 9th instant. Further particulars may be obtained from Council Clerk during office hours.
B. MORGAN, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Botany, January 1st, 1900.

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APPLICATIONS are invited from competent persons to make the Annual Valuation of all Rateable Property within the Borough of Burwood in accordance with the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1897, the Valuation to be made in conjunction with the Council Clerk, and the remuneration for each valuer to be £25.
Applications, to be addressed to the Mayor of Burwood, and endorsed "Valuation," will be received up to MONDAY, January 8th, 1900.
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Council-chambers, Burwood, December 28, 1899.

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